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German Losses of Past 48 Hours Described As Staggering

ALLIES HOLD INVADERS AS 'MOPPING-UP' BEGINS

By RALPH HEINZEN

UNITED PRESS WAR CORRESPONDENT

PARIS, MAY 26 (UP).—THE GAP IN THE ALLIED LINES BETWEEN BAPAUME AND PERONNE WAS STILL OPEN TO-NIGHT.

The battle for the Channel ports, however, has turned in the Allies' favour with General Von Reichenau's main motorised army held at St. Omer and Arras.

FIVE MAJOR ATTACKS

General Weygand, who returned from an aerial inspection of the northern Allied armies, was quoted to-night as being particularly satisfied with the morale and combative qualities of those troops after they had fought off three major German attacks yesterday and two more to-day without ceding any terrain or allowing a German break through on the Lys front.

TERRIFIC TOLL IN POCKET

Allied artillery and aviation took terrific toll of German dead inside the pocket and among the Reichenau divisions beyond Artois.

The German casualties have been greater during the past 48 hours than at any time in the 17 days of the German drive so far.

This seems to support the contention that Hitler's orders to the Reich's General Staff were to "attack without counting losses."

BLINDED DIVISIONS

General Von Reichenau's blinded divisions turned northward to-day beyond Arras.

MASS NAZI OFFENSIVE IN NORTH But Allied Lines Hold Firmly

LONDON, May 26 (Reuters).—The British General Headquarters have issued a communique stating that there has been no serious attack to-day on the British front.

The enemy launched a strong offensive against the Belgian forces on our left. The British troops have gone to the assistance of the Allies.

There have been heavy bombing attacks on towns in the back areas. The events of the last few days have not impaired the courage and resource of the British soldier.

One tank by itself to-day destroyed seven armoured fighting vehicles.

Saturday's Offensives

PARIS, May 26 (Reuters).—A military spokesman stated that the German attacks on the Allied armies in Belgium on Saturday were full-blooded offensives in which artillery, aircraft and tanks participated.

In the attack on Lys the opposing forces swayed backwards and forwards but finally the original positions were fully maintained.

Attacks Completely Fail

Two other attacks were also launched on fronts from six to ten miles wide. Both attacks completely failed.

A special announcement broadcast from Berlin claimed that an aircraft carrier had been bombed and sunk off the Norwegian coast.

Well-informed circles in London state that there is no truth whatever in this claim.

Nazi Onslaughts Fail

PARIS, May 26 (Reuters).—A French military spokesman said to-day that the British, French and Belgian armies have been successfully battering back enemy attempts to break through.

Weygand Confident

PARIS, May 26 (Reuters).—President Lebrun has signed the order dismissing many high police officials in northern France.

Seven infantry colonels have been appointed temporary Brigadier-Generals.

General Weygand, the Allied Commander-in-Chief, is reported to be satisfied, confident and full of hope. The price at which the German advances have been checked is stated in Paris. The German losses have been three times those of the Allies.

Channel Fighting

CALAIS HELD BY ALLIED FORCES

LONDON, May 26 (Reuters).—It was confirmed in London to-night that Allied troops are still holding Calais.

Fighting side by side with Allied troops, the B.E.F. have repulsed all enemy attacks and are fighting magnificently.

Nazi Claim Denied

LONDON, May 26 (Reuters).—German claims that Calais is in German hands are declared in authoritative circles in London to be without foundation.

It is added that, as has been emphasised on both British and German sources, Calais remains in the possession of the Allies.

Coast Ports Firmly Held

PARIS, May 26 (Reuters).—According to military circles here, French troops are firmly holding the ports of Calais, Dunkirk and Zeebrugge.

A fierce battle has been raging all day on either side of Valenciennes, where the Germans launched two strong attacks this morning (Sunday).

No indication of the final outcome of these battles can yet be given, but it was reported late this afternoon that French troops had repulsed all German attacks and that they had inflicted heavy losses on the enemy.

At other points on the front, the Germans have failed to break through the positions of the Allied armies in the north, either on the River Lys in the region of Courtrai or in the west.

Above all, the day was one of aerial activity. Both the British and French air forces were extremely active, carrying out intense bombing operations over the whole region of the north, as well as the German rear and on Nazi columns on the march.

King Stays With Troops

Belgium To Carry On Her Defence

LONDON, May 26 (Reuters).—The King of the Belgians is in the midst of his troops and the Government is remaining with their Sovereign, declared M. Hymans, former Belgian Foreign Minister, in a statement to the Belgian news agency.

M. Hymans added that when the German attack began on May 10, the Belgian Army, which had been on guard at the frontier for six months, amounted to 700,000 men and all men up to 35 were called up in addition.

Large numbers of young Belgians, imbued with the highest patriotism, were now receiving military training on French soil, and as a result the total Belgian military strength would ultimately amount to over 1,000,000 men, he said.

Belgian Ministers in London

LONDON, May 26 (Reuters).—The Belgian Prime Minister, the Foreign and the Ministers of the Interior and Defence arrived in London yesterday.

Here they were met by the Minister of Finance who has been in London a few days.

The Prime Minister, M. Hymans, and the Foreign Minister, M. Pierlot, visited Lord Halifax, the British Foreign Secretary.

NEW POST FOR GEN. IRONSIDE

Appointed C-in-C. Of Home Forces

LONDON, May 26 (Reuters).—General Sir Edmund Ironside has been appointed to be Commander-in-Chief of the Home Forces. He was formerly Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

He has been appointed to this new position in place of General Sir Walter Kirke, who will retire from the service.

General Sir John Dill will replace General Sir Edmund Ironside as Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

General Sir John Dill was formerly Commander of the First Corps of the British Expeditionary Force. Recently he was appointed to be Deputy Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

Important Changes

LONDON, May 26 (Reuters).—It is explained in well-informed circles here that the changes in the Commander-in-Chief of the Home Forces have been brought about by the development of the situation and the necessity of placing the defence of Britain against the possible invasion in the strongest possible hands.

It is learned that the appointments of General Sir Edmund Ironside and General Sir John Dill are proof of the great importance which the Government attach to perfecting by any means in their power, the strength of the British home defences.

The question of home defence is now one of paramount importance, "Reuters" was told by well-informed circles in London.

General Sir Edmund Ironside's new post is one to which only a soldier of his strategy and experience would be appointed.

The idea of an enemy invasion of Britain has been so far from reality for the past hundred years that it is necessary to place those defences on an entirely new footing.

Reasons For Appointment

It is emphasised that General Sir Edmund Ironside's appointment is in no way a criticism of the manner in which General Sir Walter Kirke has carried out his task.

The change in the High Command, "Reuters" has been informed, is in no way analogous to the French Army changes.

No one has been "relieved of their command" but the extreme seriousness of the situation as a whole and the rapid growth of the German threat to the Channel ports has made it necessary for an immediate internal re-organisation of the home front.

NEW ZEALAND'S WAR COUNCIL

WELLINGTON, May 26 (Reuters).—The Prime Minister, Mr. Peter Fraser, has announced the immediate establishment of a War Council to take charge of New Zealand's war activities.

The Council will consist of members of the Cabinet, representatives of the war effort, representatives of the Opposition, industrial employers, Trade Unions and farmers.

LATEST

Procession Of Car Crashes

A procession of four cars proceeding along Castle Peak Road yesterday morning provided a chapter of accidents which formed the subject of a police report this morning.

When the first car stopped suddenly near the nine-mile stone, the drivers of the following vehicles were unable, according to the report, to the police to pull up in time.

The second car in the line was driven by Mrs. P. O. Kennedy Town. She pulled up without hitting the front vehicle, but the third car, driven by Mr. L. Skinner, of the Telephone Company, crashed into the rear of Mrs. Kennedy's car.

A fourth car, driven by Mr. McArthur, crashed into Mr. Skinner's car. No one was injured in the series of mishaps.

Trapeze Artist Injured

Serge Popoff, 30-year-old trapeze artist, was admitted to Kowloon Hospital last night suffering from abrasions to the body received whilst performing at the circus in Mongkok. His condition is described as fair.

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Wounded Ruthlessly Bombed

LONDON, May 26 (Reuters).—Three hospital ships arrived at a south coast port to-day with several hundred wounded from France.

Fourteen died on the way across.

A seaman on one of the ships said the Germans severely bombed the harbour from which they sailed on Saturday, and bombs dropped less than 300 feet away as the wounded were being taken aboard.

Fires were raging in the town and they could see flames and smoke when many miles out at sea.

Evacuation from towns on coast

Latest Precautions By British Authorities

LONDON, May 26 (Reuters).—The Government has decided that as Holland, parts of Belgium and northern France are in enemy hands, the following towns on the south-east coast will become evacuation areas:

Great Yarmouth, Lowestoft, Felixstowe, Harwich, Clacton, Frinton, Walton, Southend, Margate, Ramsgate, Broadstairs, Sandwich, Dover, Deal and Folkestone.

Arrangements are being made for children, whose parents wish them to go to be sent to safer districts in the Midlands and in Wales.

The movement will start next Sunday.

Red-Crosses Removed

Americans Forced To Take Unusual Step

PARIS, May 26 (Reuters).—The red-crossed painted roofs of American ambulances operating in the war zone have been removed.

The American Ambulance Committee stated: "All our drivers agree that these Red Crosses only excite the malevolent attention of the German flyers."

Deliberate Attacks

"In the last ten days, German planes have been bombing and machine-gunning our ambulances even when flying as low as 60 feet when a mistake is out of the question."

There is still no news of two American ambulances which entered Amiens on May 10 when the town was violently bombed.

Japan's War Supplies May Be Cut-Off

WASHINGTON, May 26 (Reuters).—The defence requirements of the United States threaten to cut off the supplies of war materials to Japan, including scrap metal.

Representatives have already agreed to amend the Military Defense Bill authorising the curtailment of military equipment, machinery and munitions.

The passing of the amendment by the Senate is regarded as practically certain.

Ridiculous Nazi Claim

Raids On 'Dromes In England Denied

LONDON, May 26 (Reuters).—"Reuters" learns that the German communique claim to have bombed aerodromes in England is ridiculous in well-informed circles.

It is presumed that the Germans refer to the raids in Yorkshire and East Anglia which were fully reported by the Air Ministry.

In these raids no damage was done beyond that already reported.

Week-end Speculation In Rome as Chiefs Meet

ROME, May 26 (Reuters).—The question of peace or war for Italy remains the paramount pre-occupation of everyone in Rome.

Signor Giovanni Ansaldi, editor of Count Ciano's newspaper, "Telegrafo," concluded his weekly broadcast by saying: "For every blow that Hitler strikes against the Allies, we shall strike a corresponding blow in our natural sphere of action in the Mediterranean."

Signor Mussolini to-day conferred with Marshal Graziani (Chief of Italian Army Staff) and the Chief of mobilisation and the Chief of questions.

Troop trains and important railway junctions in north-west Germany and enemy occupied areas were successfully bombed during Friday night's extensive operations.

Attacking the aerodrome at Frankfurt at midnight, the R.A.F. caused considerable damage to the hangars. They dropped incendiary bombs which started many fires. These fires were still burning two hours later.

The bridges over the canal which links the Meuse and Rhine rivers were bombed from a low altitude and were badly damaged.

Other aircraft were heavily bombed in North Germany, a few miles from Germany.

Trains Destroyed

A troop train and a goods train were destroyed. Ten machine-guns on the roof of the train opened fire.

A member of the bomber crew said: "We ran through a curtain of anti-aircraft fire."

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Shanghai 7 p.m.
Tuesday, May 28
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G.P.O. May 28, 5 p.m.
Reg. May 28, 5 p.m.
Ord. May 28, 7 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island. K.P.O. 5 p.m.
Reg. 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O. 5 p.m.
Reg. 5 p.m.
Ord. 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaysia, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service". K.P.O. 5 p.m.
Reg. May 28, 5 p.m.
Ord. May 28, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O. May 28, 5 p.m.
Reg. May 28, 5 p.m.
Ord. May 28, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A. by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service". K.P.O. 5 p.m.
Reg. May 28, 5 p.m.
Ord. May 28, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O. May 28, 5 p.m.
Reg. May 28, 5 p.m.
Ord. May 28, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, May 29
Shanghai 0 a.m.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Suez and London via Long-Sea-Route. K.P.O. and G.P.O. 11.15 a.m.
Parcels 3 a.m.
Reg. 11.15 a.m.
Ord. Noon.
Straits and Calcutta 10.30 a.m.
Parcels 11.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard and Hongkong Noon.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service". K.P.O. 5 p.m.
Reg. May 29, 5 p.m.
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The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 30th May, 1940, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 13th June inclusive. By order of the Board.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 28th MAY to 8th JUNE, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

A. W. BROWN,
Manager.
Hongkong, 23rd May, 1940.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 29th. day of May, to THURSDAY, the 6th. of June, 1940, both days inclusive.

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Hongkong, 23rd. May, 1940.

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SEAMAN INJURED

Kwok Kain-tak, a 47-year-old seaman, was taken to Kowloon Hospital on Saturday suffering from injuries received when he accidentally fell into the hold of a vessel on a voyage between Hongkong and Shanghai.

HEAD OF £18,000,000 COMBINE IS TOLD HE HAS TO GO

SIR WILLIAM FIRTH, chairman of Richard Thomas and Co., Ltd., the £18,000,000 Welsh sheet, steel and tinplate combine, has been removed from office by the control committee, of which Mr. Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, is chairman.

His removal is believed to have followed differences of opinion on the managerial policy, but no statement has been made on this point at the firm's administrative headquarters at Cobham, Surrey.

"All we can say," Sir William's secretary stated, "is that Sir William has not resigned." He has been removed by the control committee.

Since the outbreak of war the firm's headquarters have been at Hatchford Park, near Cobham, a mansion owned by Sir William Firth.

The control committee was set up in 1938 under a scheme whereby Richard Thomas and Company obtained £6,000,000 to complete a new plant at Ebbw Vale, Monmouthshire.

Sir William Firth was originally chairman and managing director of the company and under his guidance the vast concern was built up. He remained chairman and managing director until August, 1939, when he resigned the latter position in favour of Mr. John E. James, deputy chairman.

LOST £1,000,000

The control committee, which has power to remove directors, consists of Mr. Montagu Norman; Sir William Firth in his capacity as chairman of the company; Viscount Greenwood, representing the steel industry; and Mr. E. H. Lever, representing the Debenture stock trustees.

Mr. James continued in the capacity of managing director until last December, when Mr. G. H. Latham was appointed to the position.

Sir William became chairman of Richard Thomas in 1931. In 1938 he told a meeting of the company's shareholders that he had lost £1,000,000, represented by the decline in value since the previous year of his holdings in the company.

The Ebbw Vale plant, which has been described as the most spectacular British industrial venture for years, was held up by lack of capital when half completed. It was then that money was held up by lack of capital when half completed. It was then that money was subscribed by the banks and the control committee was set up.

TO-DAY'S WAR PRODUCTION

The combine to-day is of great importance owing to war production. Sir William Firth, who is 58, began his career as a clerk and became the largest manufacturer of tinplate in Britain.

He has been regarded as one of the real driving forces in the steel industry, and it was in a very large measure due to his initiative and persistence that the £10,000,000 Ebbw Vale plant was brought to fruition.

There was certainly great reluctance to believe that the loss of Sir William's services by the steel industry could be good for the industry in war-time.

"There is no justification for his removal. The people of South Wales as well as the city will be astonished when the profits for the year are revealed shortly," an associate of Sir William told a reporter recently.

"Sir William met the control committee and he was asked to resign following differences of opinion on management policy. He absolutely refused to resign and was then told that his services would not be required any longer."

TRANSFORMED DEAD VALLEY

"It is appalling to think that the man who made it possible to transform the dead valley of Ebbw Vale, with its thousands of unemployed, into a prosperous community, should be thrown out by people who have not the slightest idea what a depressed area means to the people who have had to suffer in it."

"Sir William Firth put his life savings of half a million pounds into Ebbw Vale at a time when he could have retired. He has the complete confidence of the employees and all the leading steel people in the world."

"What other man in the country could bring in a batch of orders after one trip abroad worth £5,000,000?"

"The whole story will soon be told and it will then be seen that at a time when it is vital that the industry should be running smoothly it was a great mistake to turn out the one man who put it on its feet."

HONGKONG GIRL'S MUSICAL SUCCESS



Studio portrait of Miss Cecilia M. Passos, who passed in her Teacher's Diploma Examination (A.T.C.E.)—held recently in Hongkong, and conducted by Dr. W. Lovejoy. Miss Passos was the only candidate in this examination in Hongkong who passed.

"OOMPH" GIRL'S ADMIRER GULPS KEY

NEW YORK.—A Nineteen-Year-Old lovesick youth who in Hollywood handcuffed himself to "oomph girl" Ann Sheridan and swallowed the key, complained of severe stomach-ache afterwards.

"Oomph," he moaned. And Ann, forgiving him, although he'd made her weep in public, sighed, "I hope he doesn't get appendicitis."

"L'affaire"

The handcuff incident, known today in Hollywood as "L'affaire Dick Brunnencamp," was the sensation of a fashionable pre-view of Ann's latest picture, "It All Came True."

She was making a grand entrance to the theatre, amid the cheers of thousands of fans, when Los Angeles University under-graduate Dick Brunnencamp, wild-eyed and panting, suddenly rushed at her, snapped handcuffs around his and her wrists, and then, with a tremendous gulp, swallowed the key.

Ann and Brunnencamp were led handcuffed to the theatre's first-aid station where the manager tried to cut the handcuffs with a big saw. "You're sawing off my arm," she wailed.

While Ann sobbed, Brunnencamp explained, "I have always been crazy about you. I only wanted to be near you."

A police car, sirens shrieking, arrived at the theatre with a locksmith and Ann's bonds were severed.

She refused to prosecute Brunnencamp, who said fellow students, hearing of his handcuff plan, had bet him a dollar he would not dare carry it out.

After the pre-view, Ann invited Brunnencamp to dinner, saying, "He swallowed a key for me. The least I can do is to top the key with a pie."

Judge Criticises Peace Union

Blaming the Peace Pledge Union for a youth's change of mind about military service, the chairman of the Manchester Conscientious Objectors' Tribunal said that had it not been for the union nothing else would have been heard of the case.

"The boy's appearance is due entirely to the machinations of the Peace Pledge Union," said the chairman, Judge Essenhigh.

Stated to have signed the military register last June and in October to have requested to be registered as a C.O. applicant, 21 years of age, had now had his name removed from the register of conscientious objectors.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

1—Paris newspaper
2—Part of saddle
3—Bishop's title
4—Electrical unit
5—Parting to positive pole
6—Companion
7—Cryings
8—Employment
9—Indivisible particle
10—Quail
11—Frozen
12—Paternal
13—Christians
14—Navy sailor
15—Grain
16—Store preceptions
17—Is paid for work
18—Chickens
19—Bulent (colt)
20—Jump
21—Insect
22—Public house
23—Watering place
24—Waste
25—One mentioned
26—Mistake
27—Different people
28—Perspective
29—Poor

DOWN

1—Fruit
2—Feminine title
3—Saucy
4—Waggon
5—Whisper
6—Allegation
7—Division of labor
8—Leaves
9—Director
10—Parting to Diobor
11—New vehicles
12—He sleep
13—Complements
14—Perfect
15—Lie up
16—Admirative
17—Extreme regret
18—Kind of rock
19—Male singers
20—Complete
21—Wheel mark
22—Established
23—Article of household
24—Unit
25—Part of mast
26—Pleasy fruit
27—That woman's
28—Recently deceased
29—Measure of weight
30—Article

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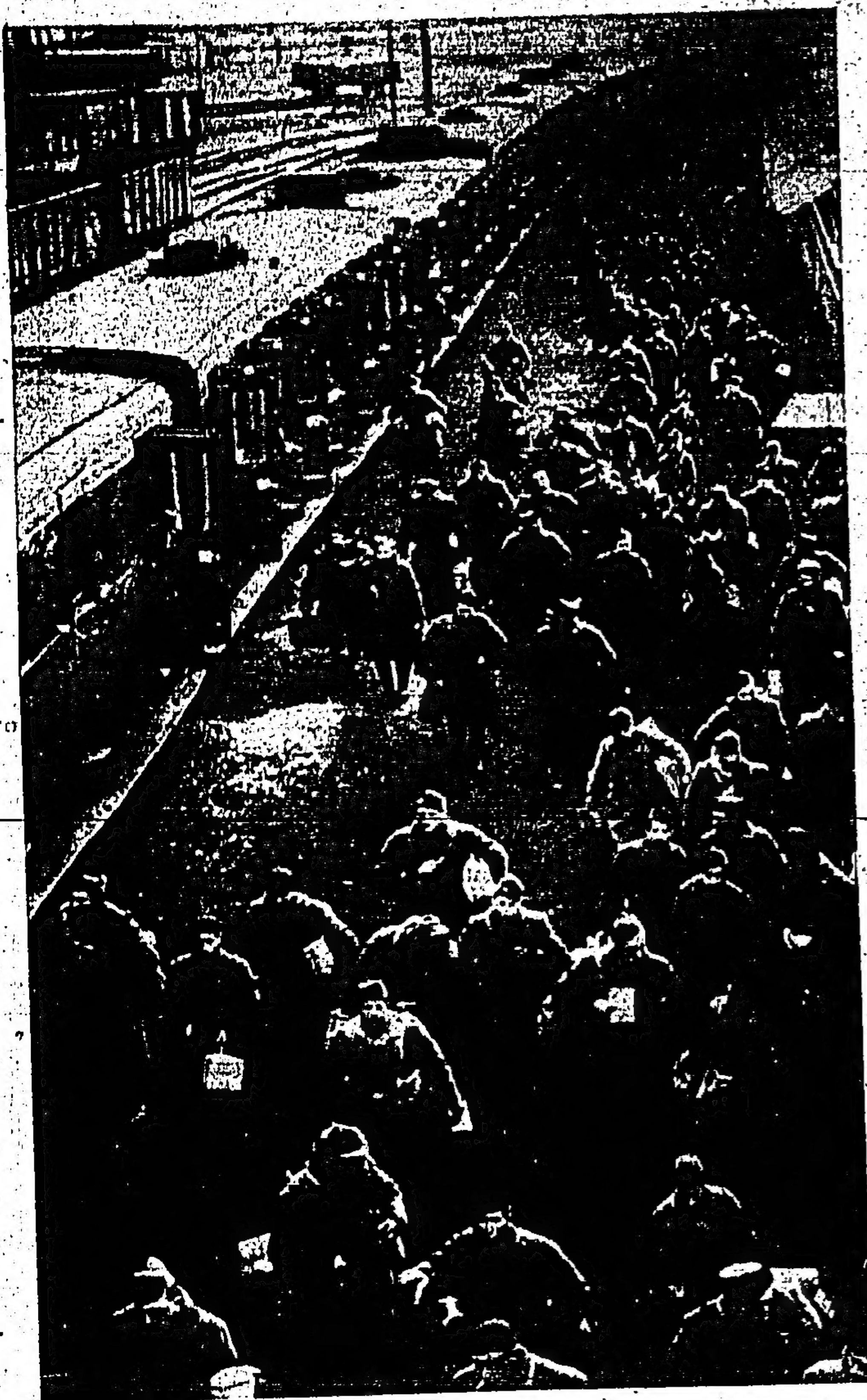
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NO LONGER QUIET ON WESTERN FRONT

Air-mail photographs just received from Home show animated scenes on the Western Front as the Allies prepared to meet the Blitzkrieg invasion of the Lowlands.



FRENCH SOLDIERS moving up to the front lines. Disembarking from a train somewhere in France.



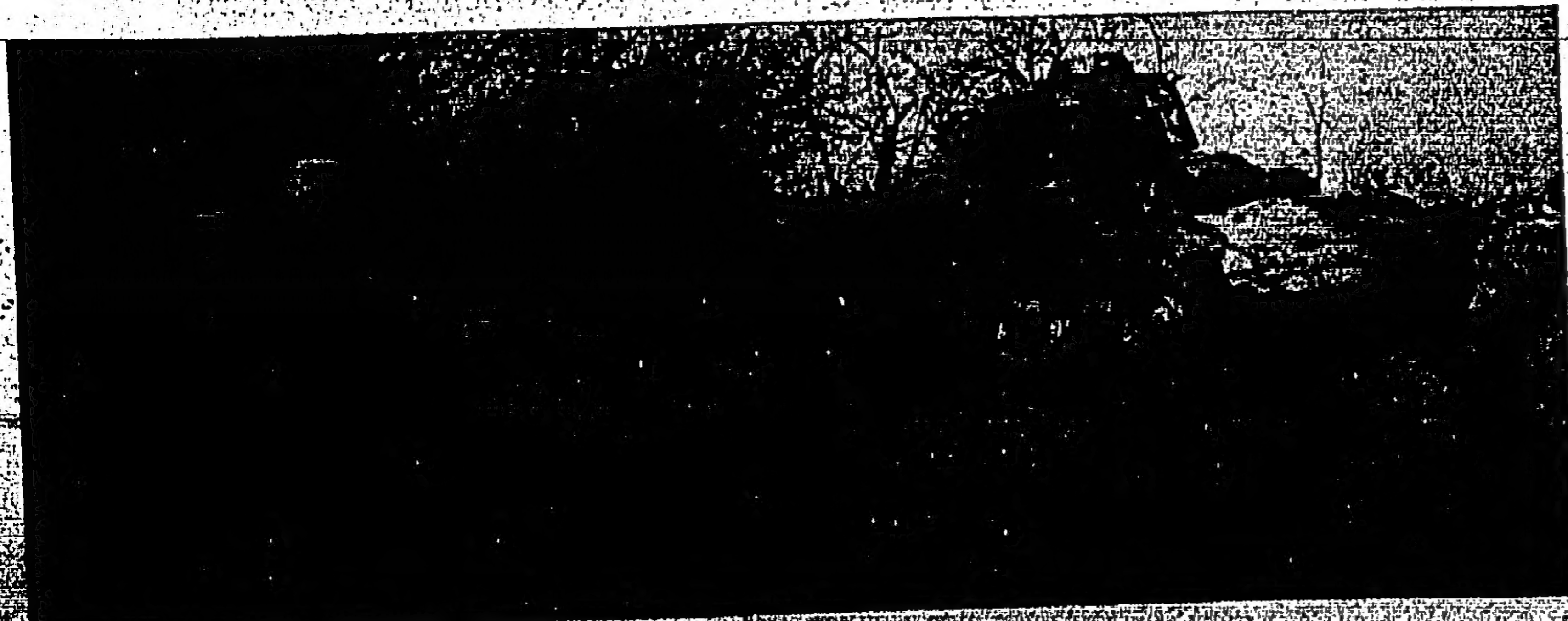
A LONG STRING OF FRENCH TANKS MOVING UP TO THE FRONT



BRITONS INTERNED IN GERMANY.—A photograph from Wulzburg Castle, in northern Bavaria.



A PHOTOGRAPH from French Flanders, where severe fighting now rages.



FRENCH TANKS in the 1940 now meeting the German onslaught.

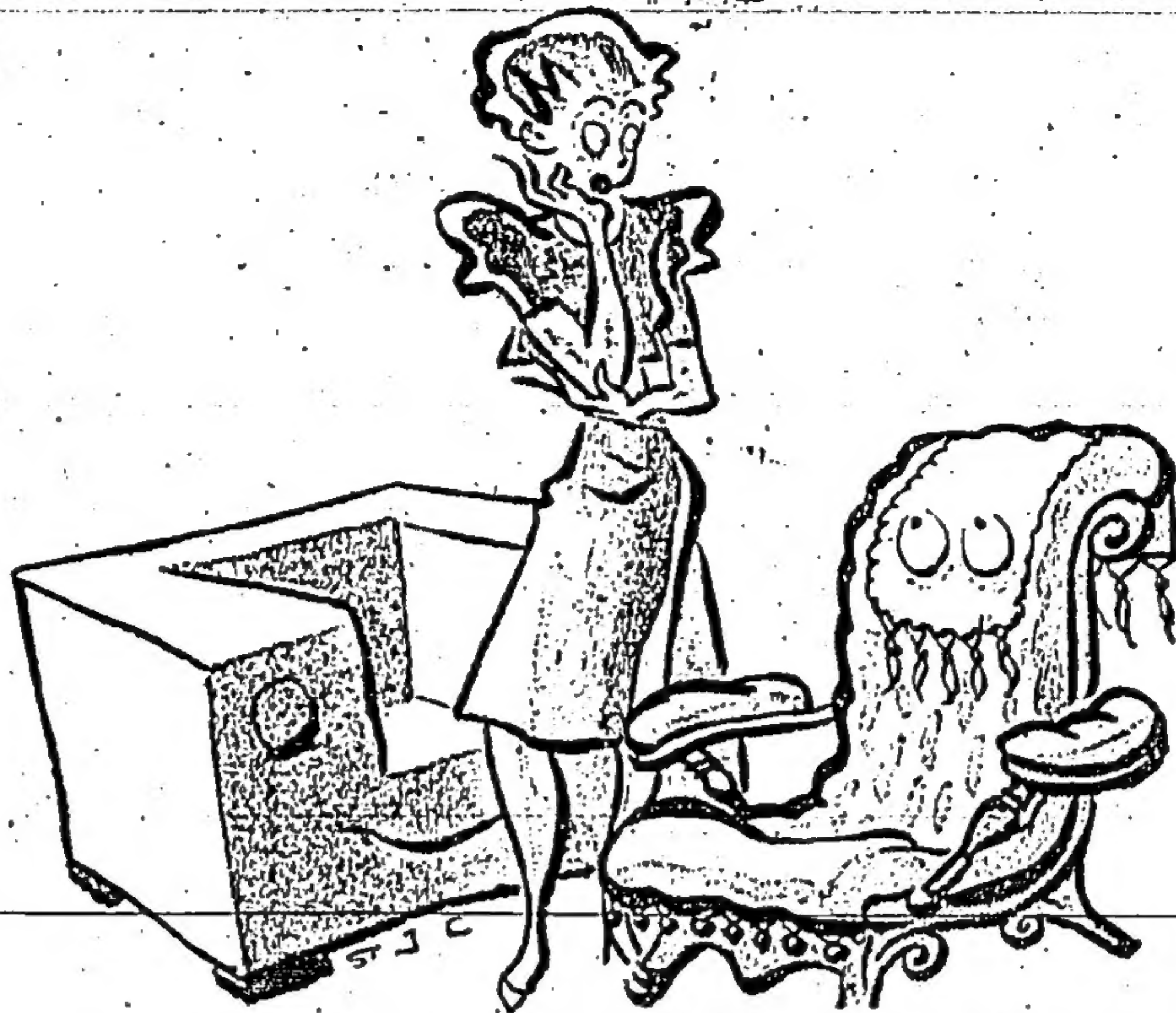


HIS MAJESTY THE KING visits unit of the O.C.T.U. at Aldershot. The King with some Staff Officers.



Marjorie Reynolds, film starlet, wears a light blue crope sport dress with navy trim. Her Ascot is of navy blue with polka dots, and her matching straw hat has a gros-grain band and streamer. Her kid bag and shoes are navy blue.

"EAST. WEST. HOME'S BEST"



-but there are homes and homes

TIME to Window DRESS

Says JANET JAY

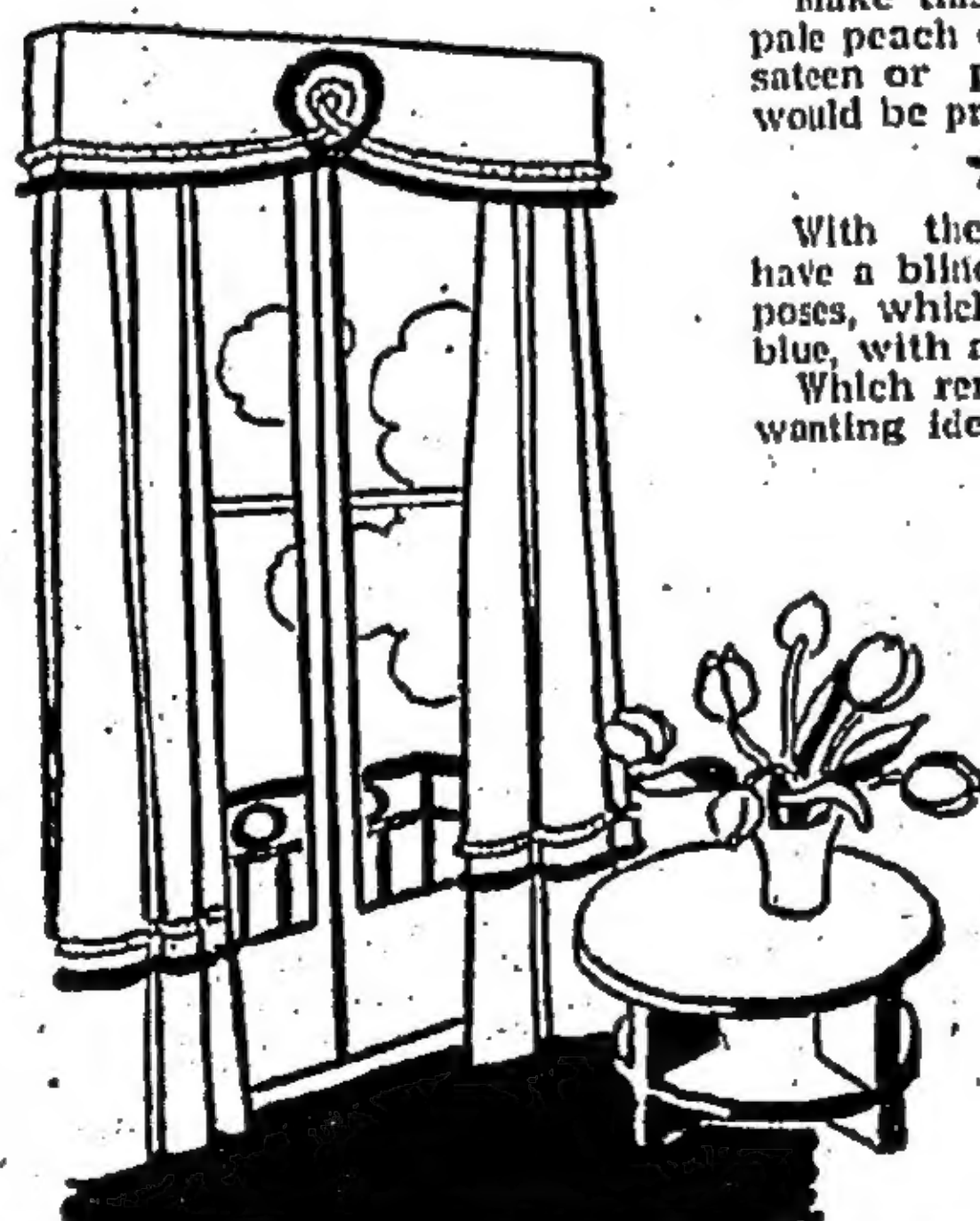
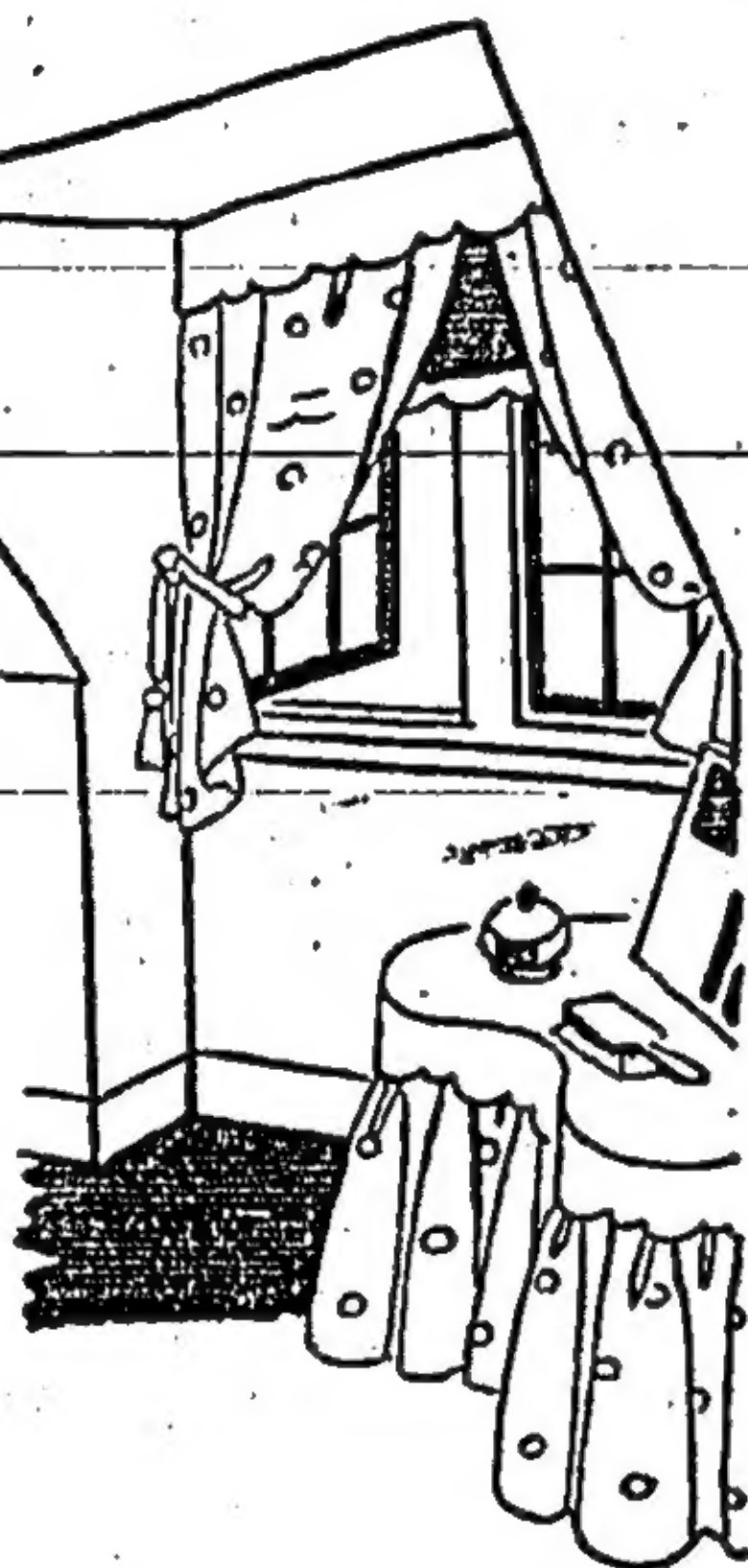


"CHARMED" magic casements." These words of Keats always come to my mind when I am planning to dress the windows in their new finery.

Our magic casements may open only on to a green lawn with the flowers budding round and the vegetable patch nicely dug over, but doesn't this optimistic string outlook make you want to perk up the house to match all the brightness outdoors? It is just like having a new hat. Windows are the gateway for sunshine to get into the house. They're the eyes of the home and we must keep them bright and cheerful.

One simple way of making a change in the rooms is to have new curtains, scheme, with peach ninnon or organdi which can also make a variation between winter and summer colour schemes.

Suppose you have warm brown, orange or wine velvet winter curtains for the sitting-room, and the rest of the scheme is in greens and browns. The room will look different for summer if you substitute organdie or chintz-satin curtains with pattern in orange or wine with green on a light ground. One or two envelope cases for the cushions could be made to match. Or perhaps you have a green and gold bedroom. Transform this to a you take careful measurements.



Evening Frocks Are All a-Glitter

BY ELEANOR GUNN

NEW YORK—If you like glitter, slip its possibilities with the mere the season's evening dresses are for mention that is being revived—with you. Some are harsh and entirely caution. Too bright to be humanly possible to wear well, but others are all they claim to be, which is to say gay and sparkling. Goodness knows we can all stand for such.

There's something about shiny whirling dervish type. They are not black sequins which, like ostrich so keen for the cigarette or match feathers, is likely to appeal to the silhouettes. It's drapery or gathers wrong people. Yet both sequins and for them.

French dressmakers are proceeding with caution with this jet business. But don't let me mislead you, into too sure. To begin with, jet isn't new of the word. It's just that the exactly a summer trimming. So let's up-in-the-back line that so many of

SHORT CUTS

When hot applications are needed for a patient ill at home, use the potato ricer for squeezing hot cloths. You will find that it squeezes almost dry without burning the hands.

A large size sponge rubber knee pad to stand on will take some of the "frounce" and aprons take suggests them. For a while, at least, one can concentrate on the filmy, frothy type of dress, either in white, gray, black or pastels, for it is the season for these lovely things—lovely in themselves and calculated to bring out loveliness in all women.

strain out of standing when there is a large ironing to do.

When collars and cuffs of boys' shirts become frayed cut these down to semi-low necks and short sleeves and use for summer play shirts.

Add a slice of lemon to each glassful of ginger ale for a smoother drink.

Mothers who have difficulty getting children to eat fruit, ought to try serving fruit as a part of the meal more in salads or in fruit cups or desserts.

As a safety precaution, keep pot handles turned away from the front edge of the stove.

HOW SMART ARE YOU? Be honest; would you have known how to solve these everyday problems that might be yours?

Q The Atkinsons have just moved into a small, bright house that has rather low ceilings. For the sitting-room, which faces south, Mrs. A. bought a modern square-looking Chesterfield suite covered in a nice flowered chintz, and had curtains made to match the covers. She bought four small chairs, a bureau, a pouffe, a low coffee table, a tea-table, and had one wall lined with bookshelves. What would have struck you about the room if you had gone to tea with Mrs. A.?

A Before you got claustrophobia you would have noticed she had too much furniture; a large suite is overpowering in a small room. Two armchairs and a small couch would be enough for comfort. And in a small room large flowered materials are too overwhelming. With small furniture and plain fabrics, the room would look twice the size.

Q Young Mrs. Morris has furnished her house to suit her tastes. A favourite aunt gave her some Victorian furniture, and she didn't want to offend the old lady. What did she do?

A She realised in time that there is an increasing fashion for Victorian furniture. She didn't mix it with her own things—that would have been a fatal mistake. She made a Victorian room. She took off the old dark chair covers and did them with fresh-looking cottons, decorating them with white braid and fringe. She painted the Victorian overmantel white and gold, and hung dimity curtains in the window and put a muslin founce round the mahogany dressing table. All her friends are copying her, and won't believe she didn't get the idea from a film of American high life.

Q Mrs. Smith lives in a modern flat, and for her birthday friends gave her (a) a reproduction of an Elizabethan oak lamp and (b) a bowl of goldfish (but the goldfish died). What did she do with them?

A Gave the lamp away to a convenient jumble sale; you can't mix periods to that extent. (b) Emptied the water away, filled the bowl with coloured glass bubbles and had it fitted up as a lamp with a plain white parchment shade.

Q The Robinsons went to live in an old-world half-timbered cottage. Mrs. R., who had always had a hankering after film-set furniture, chose a pretty rose-shot taffeta for the sitting-room and peach satin for the bedroom. Both look nice against the cream walls. Was she wrong or right?

A Completely wrong; sophisticated fabrics just don't go in a simple cottage. She would have been smarter to have considered gingham or printed linen, crisp cotton or furnishing tweeds.

Q The Georges' dining-room is a bit of a problem. The table is in the middle of the room with the fire-place on one side, the window on another, the door on the fourth. Result, when they have people to dinner and the most important woman guest sits at Mr. G's right hand, she always sits in a howling draught. What did they do to keep their popularity with their friends?

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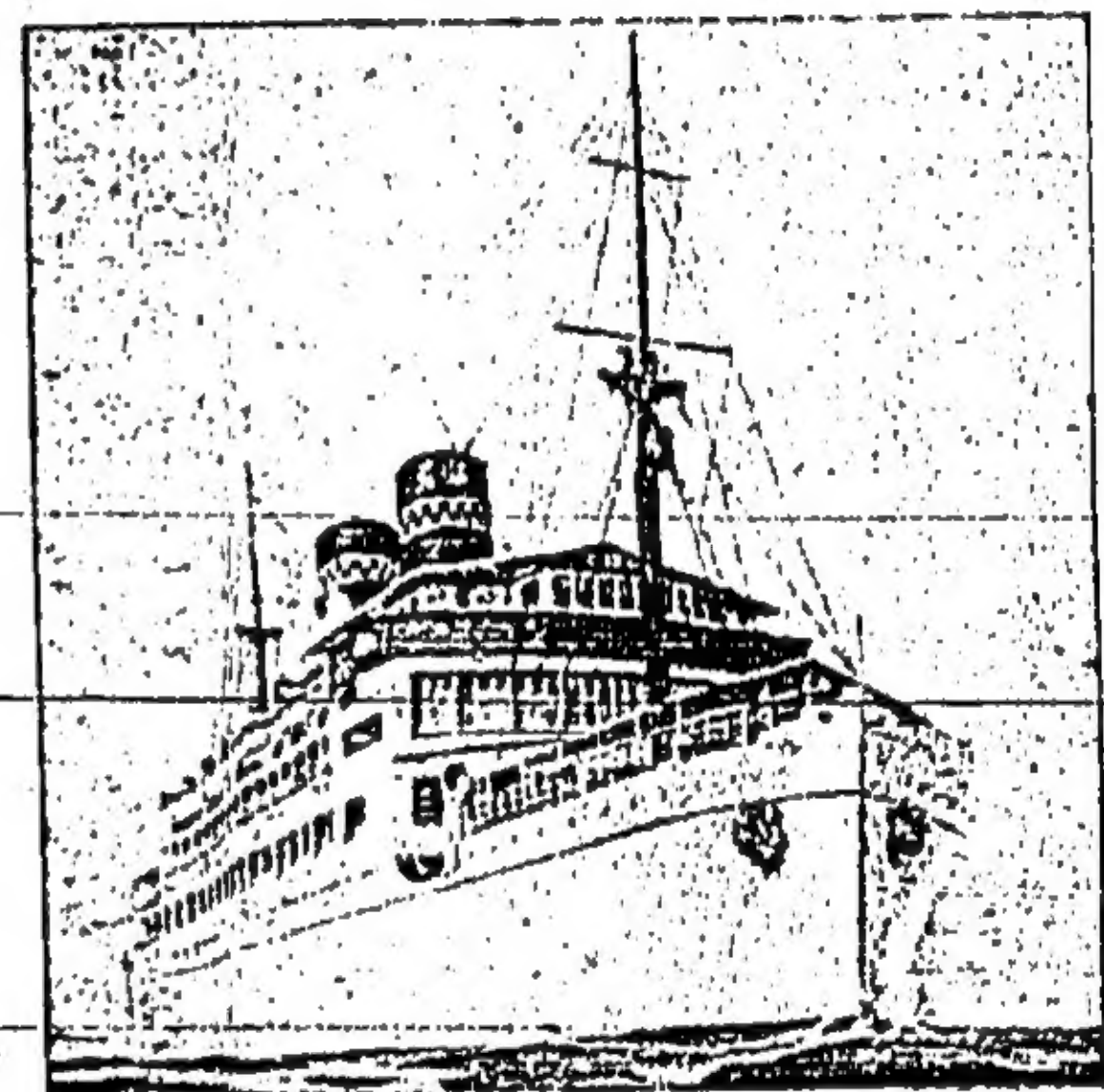
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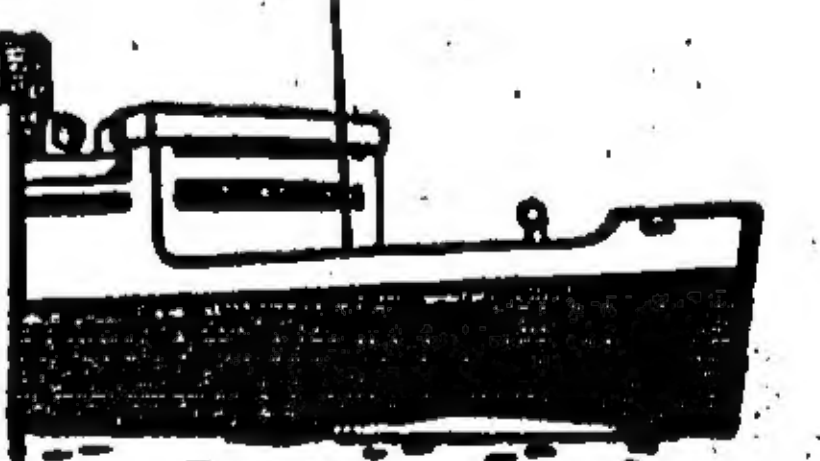
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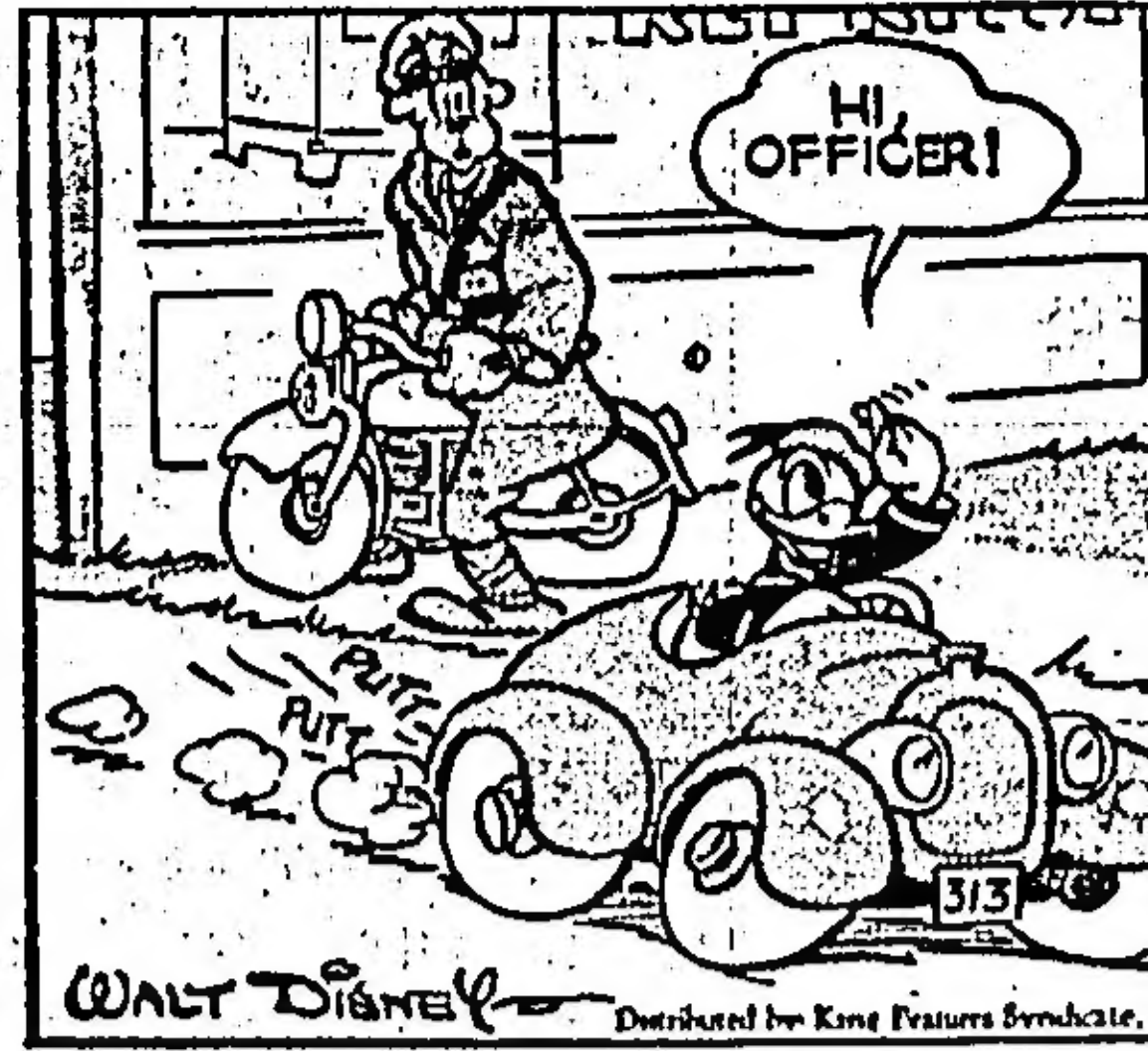
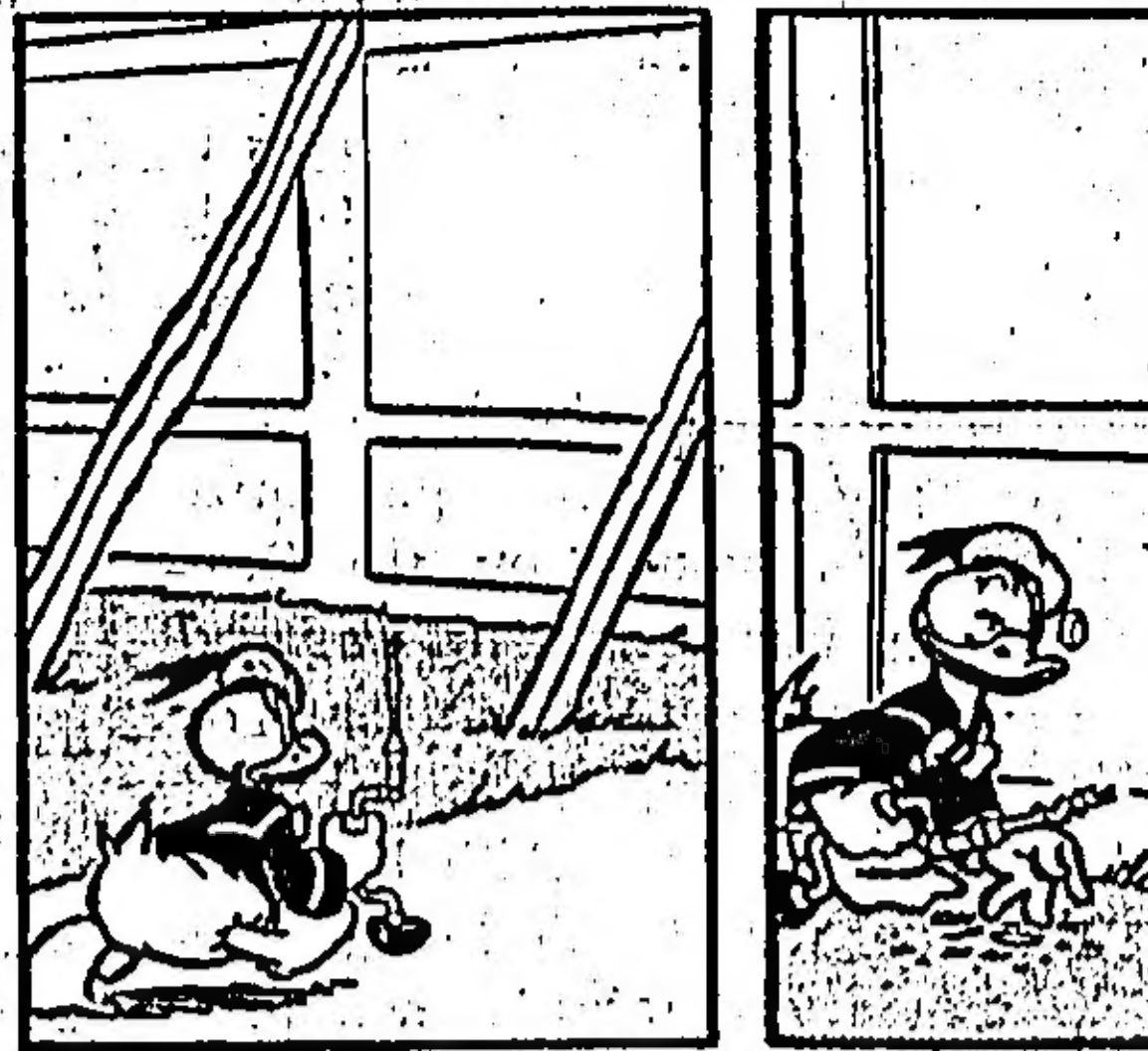
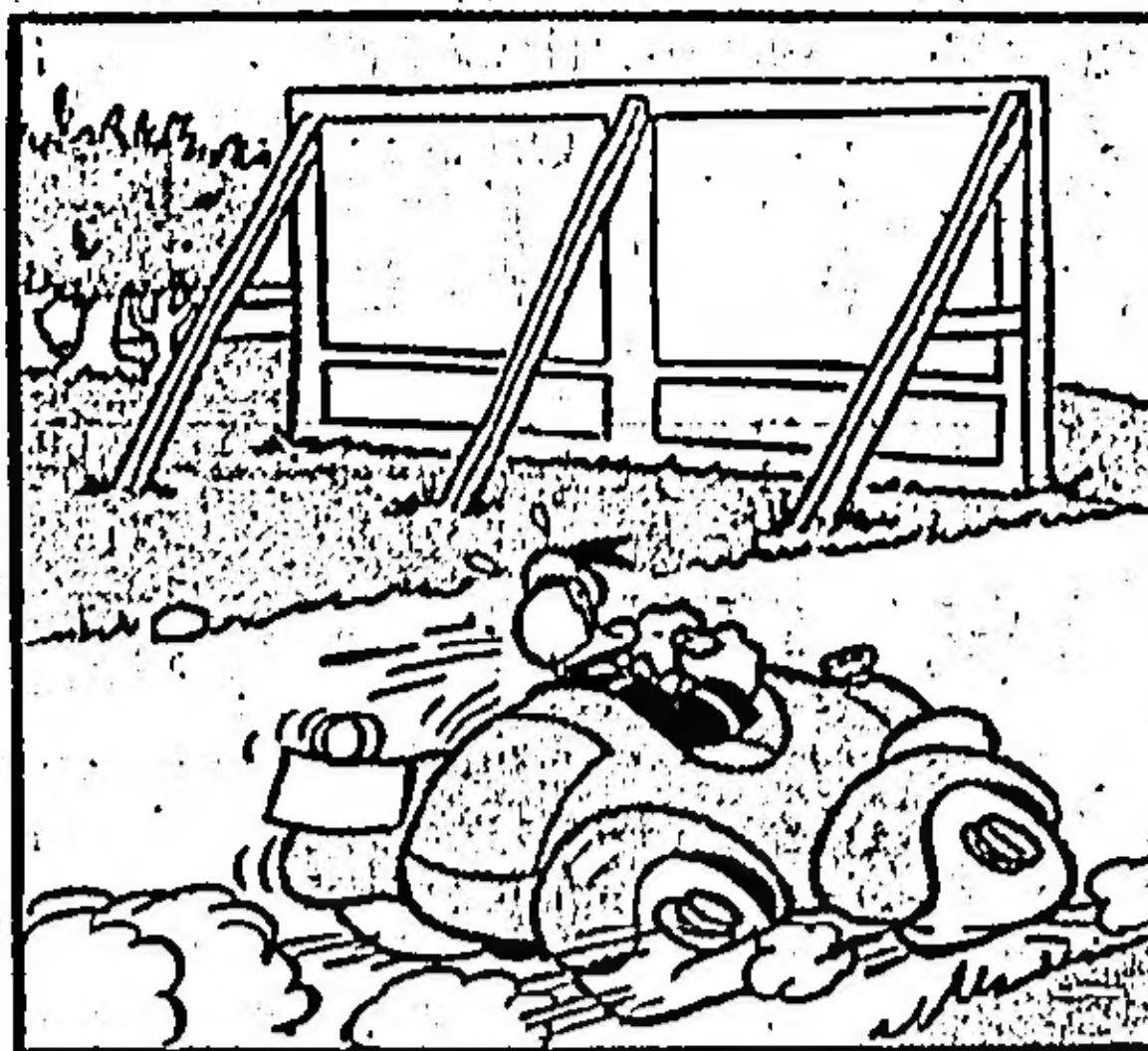
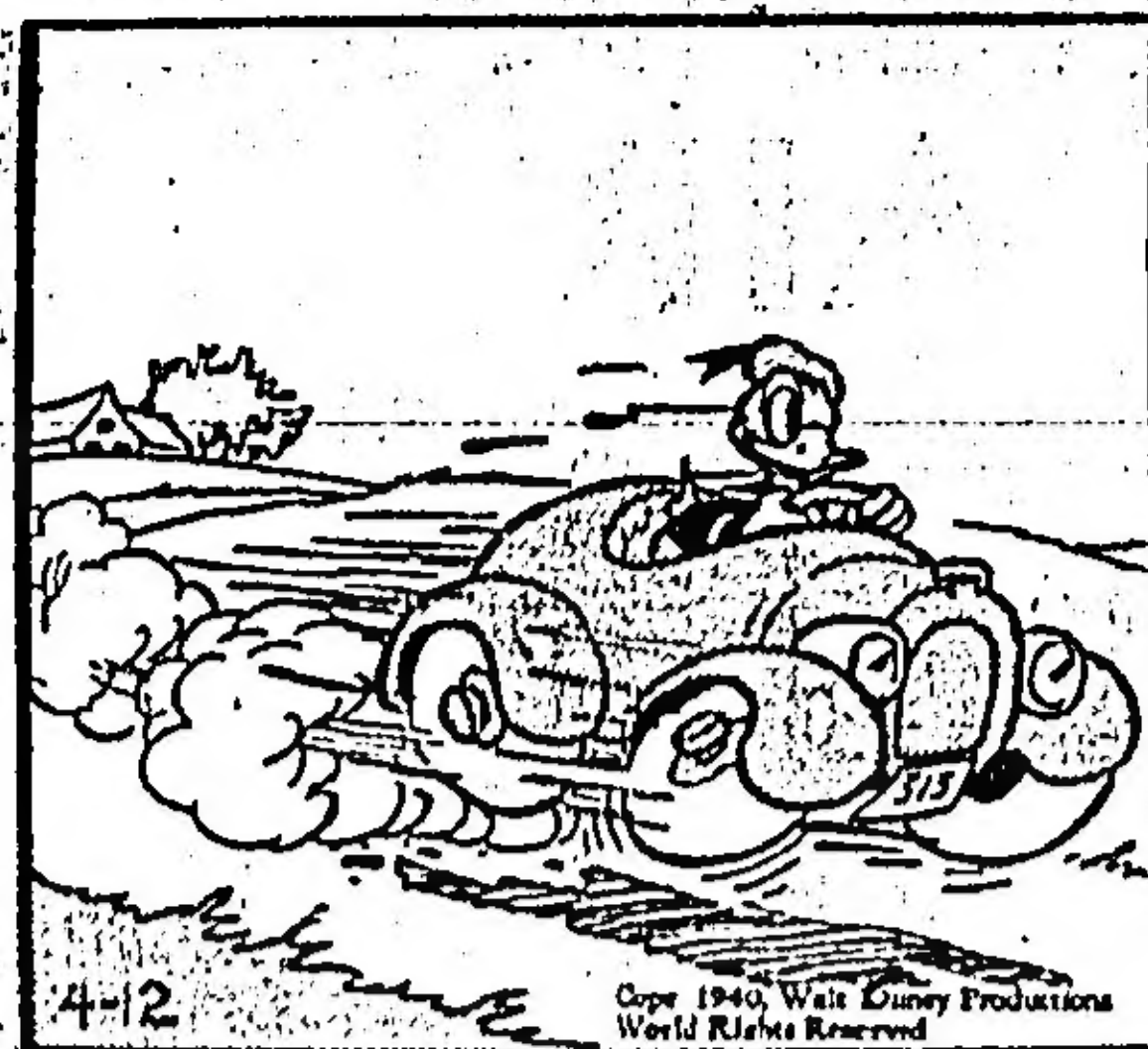
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SNAKES SIX-FEET LONG FOUND AT SHEK-O



These pictures submitted by a reader, illustrate the enormous size of two snakes which were encountered on the Shek-O beach recently. They are roughly six feet in length, and of a greenish-brown colour with darker brown markings. One went into the sea and swam around for a while, but was killed when it returned to the beach. The other disappeared among the rocks.

Fell Into Pit Of Molten Metal

WHILE a furnace of molten metal was being poured at Parkgate Iron and steel works, near Rotherham, Russell Starbuck Roberts (47), of Warren Vale-road, Wath-on-Deane, Yorks, fell into the slag pit. Because of the terrific heat his mates were unable to render any assistance, and late that night his body had not been recovered. Roberts was a married man with no family.

CONCHIES FEWER AND FEWER

FEWER conscientious objectors than ever were among the 814,430 young men of the "25" class who registered for military service recently at employment exchanges throughout the country. The number provisionally registered as "conchies" was 4,431—1.41 per cent. of the total. This compares with figures of 1.99 per cent. for the "23's" and 1.64 per cent. for the "24's."

The proportion registering as conscientious objectors has, in fact, declined with every new registration day since compulsory recruiting started. The provisional figures issued by the Ministry of Labour were:

	Conscientious	Objectors
England ...	207,547	3,062
Scotland ...	31,416	469
Wales ...	15,467	800

Purveyors of peace pamphlets were less active than on previous occasions. At most exchanges there were none at all. "There will be a lot of waste paper in the morning" was the only comment the officials made.

Out of Turn
At Orkney about 40 men who said they were unable to attend at their fixed times, as directed by the Ministry of Labour, came between 9 and 11 a.m. Five or six were turned away and told to attend as ordered. A Ministry of Labour official explained that they could give no reasonable excuse for not attending at the proper time. There will be another call-up later—the first time that two classes have been called in one month. The registration will be for men who have reached the age of 20 during 1939, and will bring the total of those who have responded under the Military Training and National Service Acts to about 1,850,000.

Arrested Men Were Masked, Say Police

A STORY of masked men, one with a bludgeon and the other with a hammer, outside a Regent Street Jewellers, was told at Bow Street when three men were remanded in custody. Gerald Fitzgerald (35), bookmaker, John Reynolds (32), labourer, and Alfred Gordon (32) clerk, all of no fixed home, were charged with attempting to break into the shop of Messrs. T. and J. Perry and with stealing a car. Detective Marchant, of the Flying Squad, said that while patrolling in a police car on morning he saw a large saloon car standing outside Messrs. Perry's shop. Police Car Chase One man in custody was on the pavement keeping watch, and Gordon and Fitzgerald walked towards the shop window. Gordon wore a black mask and carried a bludgeon. Fitzgerald had a

Steve Donoghue's Court Dispute With Wife

Hard Up In First Year As Trainer

MR. STEPHEN ("STEVE") DONOGHUE, racehorse trainer and famous ex-jockey, stated in evidence at the Law Courts that he was "most unhappy" six months after his marriage.

He was answering a claim by his wife, Mrs. Ethel Donoghue, for £946 as arrears of maintenance under a private separation deed providing for Mrs. Donoghue to be paid £8 a week.

The proceedings arose out of a dispute of account. Mr. Julian M. Thomas, an American lawyer in Paris, who claimed \$337 under a deed of assignment, was joined as a party. Mrs. Donoghue disputed the deed.

The Official Referee (Mr. C. M. Pitman, K.C.) reserved his decision.

"Steve" Donoghue, in the witness-box, said he last rode at the end of 1937 and was training in 1938. In June, 1938, he received notice of the assignment which had been mentioned.

Could Not Afford £8
Mr. R. L. Parry, for Mr. Donoghue, asked: Having been a successful jockey, did you begin to amass a fortune at once as a trainer and become, in fact, a "prince of trainers"?

Mr. Donoghue said he did not. He was very hard up in 1938. There was a time when he paid his wife only £5 a week because he could not afford the £8.

He married in 1929 and the separation deed was signed in May, 1934. About six months after marriage he was most unhappy.

He paid his wife's bill at the Palace Hotel, Escorial, Portugal, and her fare to America.

When he was informed that presents made to him as a jockey had been pawned, he redeemed them, together with jewellery belonging to his wife.

His presents included a little jockey in pearls and a horse set with diamonds—souvenirs of victories.

Did Not Know Mr. Thomas
Mr. Desmond Cassidy (for Mrs. Donoghue) suggested to Mr. Donoghue that he did very well as trainer. "You trained horses," he said, "for Sir Victor Sassoon?"

Mr. Donoghue answered that he had offers from Sir Victor Sassoon which made him give up racing.

When he received notice of his wife's assignment in Paris he had

red handkerchief over the lower part of his face and a hammer in his hand. Possibly because of a signal from the "looker-out" the car began to move away and the three men jumped in. The police car gave chase.

Boys' 200-Miles Walk

JOHN ERNEST ITHELL, aged 17, and a 16-years-old friend, decided to walk from Liverpool to London, 200 miles. It took them six days. Then they wanted to go home again. At Brentford, a policeman told the youngsters that the nearest police station in London was at Islington. They had no identity cards, ration cards, money, or gas mask.

Farmers Win First Round of Victory Ploughing Campaign

By An Agricultural Correspondent.

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Schoolboy Camps For Harvest

It is understood that the Minister of Agriculture will shortly announce the establishment of schoolboys' summer camps to help in the harvest.

and potatoes and the fertiliser position is far better. On the machinery side there will be 70,000 tractors at work next harvest over 20 per cent. above last year.

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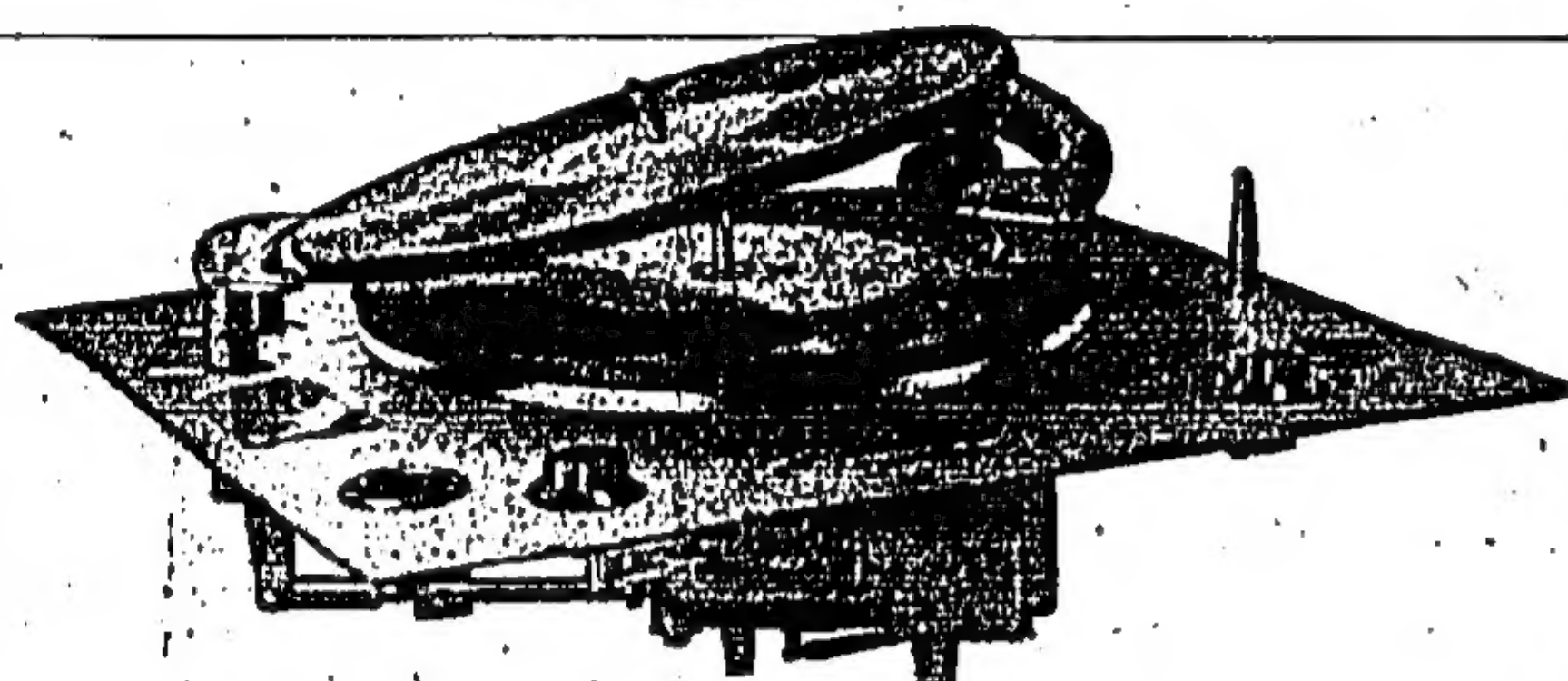
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"That Hyena"

Some of the frankest and most vigorous things said about the Nazis and the war have been uttered by our soldiers and spillo men. Politicians are usually restrained by long habit; fighting men see things as they are and are not afraid to speak their minds.

Major-General Sir Ernest Swinton is one of those plain speakers. He said that to those who had been willing to him in advocacy of an immediate peace his answer was, "What with that hyena Hitler! I mean it. He is a hyena and a hyena is a very nasty animal." As to approaching the German people, added the General, "It is the whole German race we are up against—man, woman, cat and dog, and rat. The sooner we realise that in a matter like this, war there are no 'good' Germans the quicker we shall end the war in the only possible way—an Allied victory."

As for the military situation as it has now developed, Sir Ernest quoted the incident told of that shrewd old Boer, Oom Paul Kruger, after the Jameson Raid. Asked why he did not act when he knew of what was brewing, he replied, "When you want to cut the head off a tortoise you wait till he puts his head out of the shell." Hitler, said Sir Ernest, had been forced by events in Germany to put his head out, and in doing so he had committed a strategical error.

The General used yet another creature of the animal world to express his views. He said that the example of Norway might encourage other small neutrals, who had so far been covering like rabbits in front of a boa-constrictor.

Italian Threats

The change in the tone of the Italian Press since the Nazi invasion of the Lowlands is rather hard to understand. The only thing on which commentators agree is that it should not be taken at its face value.

This assumes that the Duce is no more eager than he was some months ago to abandon the advantages of "non-belligerency." As for the Italian people, their dread of war leaves no room for doubt.

The lesson of recent naval events, coupled with Mr. Churchill's reminder to all whom it may concern, that the Allies are well able to safeguard their position in the Mediterranean besides the North Sea, cannot have been lost on Rome.

It is contrary to Italy's interest, as to that of everyone else, that Hitler should go step by step to European mastery. Yet the Nazis' invasions have been made the occasion for instructions to the Fascist Press to take a stronger line against the Allies.

We are asked to believe that the "non-belligerent" may come off his perch. If he intended to do so, the likelihood is that the change of status would have been accompanied by the utmost secrecy.

THE LATEST MENACE FROM THE AIR

By

Dr. LIN WO-CHIANG

WITH the large scale use of parachute troops by the Germans in the present war and their recent threat that for every German parachutist shot down ten Allied prisoners of war would be shot, the world is facing a new problem in air warfare.

The abuses, without precedents, of the parachutes together with questions of the legal status of the parachutists in this war, make a recasting or revision of our customary conceptions of the parachutes and the parachutists necessary.

This article is written more with a view to opening the discussion, rather than to expressing any final opinion, on such vital topics.

The time is not yet ripe to do so. Here I intended only to give a brief survey of the appearance of the parachute and the role played by the parachutists in the past; the employment of parachute in the last war; and the novel application of this apparatus in more recent wars which creates new legal problems.

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THE parachute was invented primarily as a safety device for air travellers, as such it may be regarded as the lifebuoy or life belt of the air.

An Italian scientist, Leonard da Vinci, is credited as the first inventor of the parachute. His design for this is found in his sketchbook, the *Codex Atlanticus* (1940), now preserved in the Ambrosian Library at Milan.

In making the plans for a flying machine and the parachute, he declared: "There shall be wings! If the accomplishment be not for me, 'tis for some other. The spirit cannot lie; and man, who shall know all and shall have wings, shall indeed be as a god."

Little did Vinci imagined 450 years ago that man, instead of being raised to the height of a "god," has descended from the air as a monstrous spectre, through abusing the child of his inventive brain.

We hear very little about the parachute until the coming of the balloons towards the end of the 18th century. The first recorded successful parachute descents were made by Lenormand from a tower in 1783 and by Blanchard from a balloon in 1797.

In the same year another Frenchman, Andre Garnerin descended near Paris from a height of 1 1/4 mile. In 1802 he repeated the experiment in England, entertaining a big London crowd on the Volunteers' Ground near Grosvenor Square by dropping 8,000 feet.

Professional entertainers were not slow in utilizing the parachute to draw public attention and enriching themselves by their acrobatic exhibitions, after it had been demonstrated beyond doubt that it was safe to descend from a parachute.

Considering how rare was air travel in the last century it was natural that the function of the parachute as a safety device should have been usurped by that of public entertainments.

The "lady parachute jumpers" were a popular attraction at the county fairs. Thus it seemed clear that up to the end of last century the parachute was principally used for the purposes of entertainments and sports. Throughout this period the parachute had preserved its "cultural" character, using "cultural" (not "Kultur," however.) In the broadest sense of the word, for I have come across practically no cases where it was used in connection with war.

WHEN the war came in 1914 This was perhaps the most the life-saving feature of the parachute had been put to, during the last war.

At first it was employed in association with the observation balloon, to insure the escape of the observer in the basket from the burning balloon.

How often this was resorted to may be seen from the fact that during the Argonne offensive alone, the American observers made thirty parachute jumps.

It was said that during the War 750 British officers and 800 French saved themselves from burning balloons. The balloons were then favourite targets for German bombs and machine guns.

In the last year of the War, the use of parachute was extended to the aeroplanes to save the lives of the aviators. Usually when hostile aeroplanes met, one of the combatants, or possibly both, came down in flames or with their planes disabled so that the occupants were killed regardless of whether the pilots themselves had been hit by bullets.

The parachute was said to have been first adopted by the German air force. Captain Sarraz, a French officer, was the first airman of the Allies to use a parachute for saving himself from a damaged plane in July 1918. During the War it was also utilized subsidiarily with the aeroplanes in connection with what was known as the "airplane flare."

Major E. A. Powell, of the United States Army, tells us what this is: "This flare, which weighs thirty-five pounds, is contained in a cylindrical case of sheet-iron about four feet long and five inches in diameter. The flare consists of an illuminating charge, capable of giving 32,000 candle power for approximately ten minutes, which is attached to a silk parachute twenty feet in diameter." The "airplane flare" is used particularly for night-bombing raids, the aviators thus being enabled to illuminate the objectives so that they could accurately drop their bombs.

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IN the twenty years or thereabout after the War, we saw no more alarming signs than that the parachute should serve humanity as a safety device, until the craze of the Soviet mass parachute jumping projected itself before our eyes.

Those years were consecrated to the perfection of the parachute to insure the safety of the crew and passengers of the commercial planes, the cadets or students undergoing a flying course and similar peaceful purposes. The Irvin types of parachute, as it is to-day, is a comfort (because you can sit on the "seat-pack") and a beauty, when it is fully opened in the sky. The most extraordinary performance exacted from the parachute at this time was the descending of one approximately one hundred feet in diameter to lower a disabled aeroplane safely to the ground.

As far as training was concerned, the cadets in both the naval and army aviation schools have never been taught abnormal use of the parachute. Take the American courses of instruction, for instance. The students are usually given about four hours instruction on the parachute: one hour in packing, storing and care; one hour in methods of wearing, and of leaving plane; two hours in practical packing and adjusting of parachutes. There has never been anything in this training to indicate that hostile use of the parachute was ever contemplated. But this state of things cannot last very long; for good or for worse, aviation is progressing by leaps and bounds.

Around the year 1935, the world was at first mildly startled on being informed of the enthusiasm displayed by the Russians in mass parachute jumping as a sport, in which hundreds and thousands of parachutists participated.

The surprise was soon turned into uneasiness, when it was next told that in one of the military manoeuvres of the Soviet Army, 2,500 men with machine-guns had dropped within a given area, followed by 3,000 more,

with parts enabling field-pieces to be assembled and in operation within a few minutes.

This spectacular and aggressive employment of the parachutes by Soviet Russia immediately found apt imitators in Italy and Germany, who tried to emulate her in the training and organisation of what is known as "parachute corps" with tragical consequences, as wars these Powers carried into Albania, Poland, Finland, Holland and Belgium, testify.

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AS far as I can remember, the so-called "parachute corps" was first used by Italy against poor little Albania, when the latter country was invaded. Then it was the turn of Poland to have a taste of the German "parachute corps," in September, 1939.

According to the description of a Polish army officer, who was an eyewitness of the German activities in the air, the German parachutists were dropped behind the Polish line, where they proceeded to carry out sabotage work, destroy communications and signal to their own troops, usually in the disguise of Polish uniforms.

In January, this year, Soviet Russia commenced to use her parachute troops in her campaign in Finland. These parachutists, besides performing most of the acts done by the Germans in Poland, were, in some cases, equipped with short wave wireless sets for the purposes of sending back military information. There was no report of disguising in the Finnish war as far as Russians were concerned.

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IT is apparent that with these aggressor nations, the "parachute corps" is fast becoming an established institution.

It is no use shutting our eyes to the fact. Both Holland and Belgium came in for their full share of the bitterness and horror it is possible for combatant parachutists to perpetrate.

These service men have, through the abuse of the parachute, forfeited the rights hitherto enjoyed by aviators.

From now on, they should be mentioned or treated not simply as "parachutists," but with qualifying words such as "combatant," "fighter," or "armed" parachutists, when they are in the uniforms of their country; and as "spies" when they are found in disguise.

I have no doubt that a more fitting name will soon be found for these air effectives, enabling us to call a spade a spade.

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KEEPING HIS BALANCE

THRILLING DEEDS

How R.A.F. Has Gained Superiority

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—The superiority of the R.A.F. in fighting quality is indisputable and there is evidence of this in the growing total of the German losses.

On Saturday, 25 German bombers were brought down at the cost of one British pilot's life.

One pilot came down with one engine out of action. His fuselage was riddled and his controls almost shot away. He was a member of a squadron which had accounted for 18 Nazi planes and 11 others in one fight.

One Saturday they shot down six while it is probable that they also accounted for two more Messerschmitts.

Remarkable Experiences

While attacking the enemy, a Flight-Lieutenant found his Spitfire was shaking. He had flown through anti-aircraft fire without knowing it.

Another pilot was given up as lost. Suddenly his comrades heard his voice coming over the radio announcing that he had been shot down by two German planes.

A squadron of Hurricanes which encountered a group of 50 Junkers 87s shot down six definitely and probably two more.

In one fight a Hurricane pilot found he was nearly crashing into a Henschel. He fired at it point-blank. The German plane went down in flames.

Was He Mortified?

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—I found a fat old Junker shooting at me. What do you think of that? A fat old Junker! said an R.A.F. pilot in an interview with a British correspondent.

The pilot, who is from Toronto, Canada, said that he got lost in his "old Hurricane" somewhere behind the German lines. He flew on to the west.

"After a while, I decided I must be getting back on our side. The blitzkrieg does not move that fast."

"So he came down to look and suddenly found machine-gun bullets spattering around him. I looked around and it was just a fat old Junker shooting at me. I went up and shot him down."

"A fat old Junker. What do you think of that?" exclaimed the pilot in tones of disgust.

New Nazi Lie Denounced

Cairo Paper Reveals What Happened

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—One of the leading newspapers in Cairo, the "Al Wafd Al Masri," denounces lies broadcast from Berlin.

In the broadcast, says the paper, it was declared that Hitler had exchanged friendly letters with Imam Yehia.

"The truth is quite opposite," continues the paper. "Imam Yehia sent a message to Hitler asking him to terminate the war and to preserve the world from the butchery by which the Germans were shedding innocent blood."

Typical Nazi Manoeuvre

"Such was the real message. We are in a position to affirm that Hitler has not answered Imam Yehia's letter."

"This example gives some idea of the manoeuvres by which the Nazis try to make the people believe that they are supported by the Arabs."

The "Basler Nachrichten" to-day discusses the character of Englishmen.

"It is the peculiarity of the English character," says the paper, "that it only develops its full power in moments of great danger."

"The spirit which pervades the English people in all crises was well expressed by Lord Roseberry who said: 'At the time of the greatest Napoleonic peril none thought of yielding or of the possibility of asking for peace.'"

"Can it be that this spirit is any different to-day?"

PARACHUTISTS OBLITERATED

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—A wounded soldier who has just returned from the front tells how his unit turned Bren machine-guns on German parachutists as they floated down.

A score of them were dead before they hit the ground.

"I saw a dozen in women's clothes," he said. "We got them all."

British Destroyer Sunk In Air Raid

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—The Admiralty announces that the destroyer Wessex, has been lost as a result of damage done by enemy air attacks.

The Wessex was engaged with other naval units off the French coast when the damage occurred.

Six ratings were killed and 18 were wounded.

ALEXANDRIA, May 26 (Reuter).—The authorities have ordered a curfew throughout the city between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m. Up to now the black-out has only been imposed along the sea-front.

MINIMUM WAGES

Ordinance Drafted To Meet Colony's Needs

In 1932 the Hongkong Government passed a minimum wage Ordinance fixing minimum wages in certain trades. This has never been invoked, and Trade Boards are now to be established to fix minimum wages.

The 1932 Ordinance was short and simple. It does not appear to envisage the fixing of any wage other than a minimum time rate, and it contains no reference to piece rates or hours of employment. Neither is any machinery provided for enforcing the payment of any minimum wage fixed under the Ordinance.

A Trade Boards Ordinance has now been drafted which follows closely certain provisions of the Trade Boards Acts of 1909 and 1918.

Power to fix minimum wages remains with the Governor in Council, but a Trade Board on which employers and employees shall be equally represented, together with members of the public is substituted for a Board of Commissioners as the machinery for inquiry and report in each case.

Encouraging Trade Unions

In pursuance of the policy of encouraging the organisation of responsible trade unions it is considered desirable and feasible that representatives of workers should function as members of these Trade Boards and to learn in practice the advantages of conciliation and arbitration.

Provision in the new Ordinance is made for the fixing of time-rates, piece-rates and overtime rates. Payment by piece rates is common in local industries.

Following the Home Acts, adequate provision is made for the enforcement of approved minimum rates, but the Labour Officer's consent for prosecution is required.

The draft Ordinance has been prepared by the Labour Officer, Mr. H. R. Butters.

Among other provisions, the bill states women shall be eligible to serve on Trade Boards as well as men. The Chairman of a Trade Board shall be the Labour Officer or such public officer as the Governor may appoint.

All members shall be appointed by the Governor, but the employers and workers may nominate representatives for appointment, subject to the Governor's approval, as representative members.

Recommendations

Every Trade Board shall recommend a minimum rate of wages for time-work in their trade, and may also recommend for their trade:

A minimum rate of wages for piece work; a minimum time rate, which shall not be higher than the general minimum time-rate, to apply to workers employed on piece work for the purpose of securing to such workers a minimum rate of remuneration on a time work basis; a minimum rate, whether time-rate or piece-rate, to apply in substitution for the minimum rate which would otherwise be applicable, in respect of hours worked in any week or on any day in excess of the number of hours considered by the Trade Board to be the normal number of hours per week or for that day. This is referred to as an "overtime rate."

Penalties are fixed for not paying wages in accordance with the minimum rate which has been made obligatory. The offender is liable to summary conviction and a fine in each case not exceeding \$250, and to a fine not exceeding \$50 for each day on which the offence is continued after conviction.

Another clause provides that where a worker in any trade, being a person to whom a minimum rate of wages applies, is an apprentice or learner, it shall not be lawful for his employer to receive directly, or indirectly from him, or on his behalf, any payment by way of premium.

Massacre Of Refugees

Barbarous Action By German Planes

PARIS, May 26 (Reuter).—A correspondent reports that hundreds of refugees in Boulogne were bombed and machine-gunned by Nazi planes without mercy.

Many must have been killed and hundreds wounded.

Three destroyers came into the harbour and opened fire on German gun emplacements on a hill. The guns were put out of action.

While this was going on, women, children and wounded soldiers were being embarked on the destroyers.

Successful Rome Visit

Sir Wilfred Greene Due To Return

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—The Ministry of Economic Warfare announces that the Master of Rolls, Sir Wilfred Greene, is due to return from Rome this morning.

Sir Wilfred Greene has been attending a meeting in Rome of the Anglo-Italian Joint Standing Committee on matters relating to contraband control.

The proposals made by the Italian authorities in this connection are regarded by him as affording a very satisfactory basis for agreement.

British and Italian representatives are engaged in working out the details in Rome.

CATHEDRAL SERVICE

Day Of National Prayer For Allied Cause

A quotation from Hitler's book "Mein Kampf" was taken by the Right Reverend R. O. Hall, Bishop of Hongkong, as part of his sermon which was delivered to a large congregation at St. John's Cathedral yesterday. The day was observed as one of prayer and intercession for the Allied Cause in all the Churches in the Colony, in accordance with the King's wish.

The Bishop was assisted by the Very Rev. J. L. Wilson, Dean of St. John's Cathedral, and the Assistant Chaplain, the Rev. A. Rose.

The Bishop said, in part: We are met at the request of H.M. the King to pray to Almighty God for his help in this time of great danger.

"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." That is our faith, that our first action is to seek the righteousness of God, knowing then that all these things which we have need of, and pray for, God will grant to us.

In strong contrast to the Gospel of Jesus in which we trust, is the gospel of the leader of our enemies. "State frontiers are made by men and changed by men. The mere fact that the excessive acquisition of territory by a nation is successful creates no particular duty of permanent recognition of the fact. It demonstrates at most the strength of the conquerors and the weakness of the sufferers. And it is in this strength alone that right resides." (Hitler, Mein Kampf). We can at least be glad that the creed of our enemy, that "might is right" is so clearly stated.

But at this time we are not simply to comfort ourselves because we are on God's side but to make sure that we are going to count on God's side.

Two friends spoke to me about the war: one said: "Britain cannot lose, that is impossible," the other said: "We are in the hands of God." And so is our enemy. We may have a ground of confidence that they have not got in that we are seeking God's reign and God's righteousness and they are not. But let us beware of making too many assertions, and concentrate our efforts on throwing all our energies and ourselves on God's side.

We have three times traced the sign of the Cross on our national flag, and in that we were in the past not content to live poised for war, with everything else sacrificed, for merely national interest, the sufferings which our soldiers and the French have recently endured, are part of the Cross of Christ. But we are far from the immediate struggle into which we should like to throw our weight, what can we do to share this cross?

Ways Of Helping

We can help in three ways: by our prayer, by living a normal life, and by controlling our imaginations.

In some way we are able to use our prayers. And because Jesus sought God in prayer we do the same. In what way God's righteousness needs our prayers we do not understand, but we think that they are as necessary to us as the body's loaves and fishes were to Jesus when he fed the multitude. Let us not be ashamed of turning to God only in time of trouble. The prodigal did not turn to his father until all was spent. The thing to be ashamed of is to forget God when our prayers are answered and our troubles over.

Secondly, we can live a normal life. Not a thoughtless, thoughtless and uneasy life, but one which is normal, full of quiet confidence, controlled and considerate of the needs of others.

Thirdly, we can control our imagination. Jesus said: "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." We must determine to control anxious thoughts and nervous imaginings, which by dwelling on the evils that the morrow may bring undermine the strength with which we can face the evil that is upon us today. "Then take no anxious thought for the morrow; for we have placed our trust in God. To approach the future through Christ, and see the hope and the good that it will bring, may not give us the happiness of the child, who notices every morning he wakes up how happy he is, but it will give us quiet confidence to meet what the day may bring. If those who are on God's side who have no need to worry about the future."

The service concluded with the hymn, "Oh God our help in ages past."

Kowloon Union Church

Special anniversary services and special collections for the Church funds were held at Kowloon Union Church yesterday.

The Rev. Frank Short was the preacher for morning and evening worship, which was attended by large congregations, including the Church's Sunday School.

All members are invited to the anniversary supper in the Church Hall at 8 p.m. on Tuesday.

Catholic Observance

Catholics all over Hongkong yesterday celebrated the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, and throughout the day many people were to be seen in the streets wearing the Roman Catholic Cathedral where there was an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

There was Solemn Pontifical Mass at the Cathedral at 8 a.m. and at 5 p.m. there were Vespers with a Solemn Procession inside the Cathedral ending to the rain. People from all parts of the Colony attended both services. Following the Procession, there was Benediction with a homily. All services in the Catholic Churches were the occasion for special intercession for peace.

St. Louis School

On Friday, St. Louis Industrial School celebrated the Feast of Our

BIG SUCCESSES

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green tracer bullets and dropped a salvo.

"The noise was deafening. We saw large bits of the carriages and trucks flying in all directions." Railway junctions at Jemelle, Libramont and Recogne were attacked.

A large explosion followed the bombing of an ammunition dump and a petrol depot.

A train was bombed on a viaduct near Namur. A direct hit caused half of the train to disappear.

Many other convoys were bombed and machine-gunned.

Railway Junction Affire

The railway junction at Louvain was set on fire. The railway junction at San Quentin was heavily bombed.

Attacks were also made on marshalling yards and aerodromes in Germany.

One pilot, who successfully bombed an aerodrome in north-east Dortmund, reported on his return that he had seen a blazing fire on the Ruhr. This showed that another raid had found his target.

Saturday's Activities

On Saturday, the R.A.F. hit hard in a series of daylight raids.

The raids took place over a wide area and they also bombed several bridges along the Belgian front.

Two hundred bombs were dropped upon a long column of supply lorries near Boulogne.

Then the attackers dived to 90 feet and scattered smaller bombs.

The main road and bridge over the Lys were demolished and two pontoon bridges were attacked. One was wrecked and the other was badly damaged. The approaches to the bridges were blocked.

Large bodies of German troops which were massing to the rear of the battlefield in Belgium were heavily bombed in the afternoon.

Air Ministry Report

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announces that heavy bombers of the Royal Air Force carried out further extensive operations against the enemy throughout last night.

Targets successfully attacked in the Rhineland included railway junctions, sidings and marshalling yards.

Many important objectives on the enemy's communications were also bombed.

Dumps were exploded and supply depots set on fire.

Two of our bombers were lost in these operations.

Medium bombers operating from south Britain and France again made successful attacks by day and night on enemy armoured vehicles, ammunition dumps and artillery.

Four of these aircraft are missing.

Severe German Losses

Fighter activity was less intense yesterday owing to the weather conditions, but some 20 enemy aircraft were shot down with the loss of four British fighters.

To-day over 40 enemy aircraft have been destroyed or are damaged—seven of our fighters are missing.

Four of our fighters reported missing on Thursday have since returned safely to their aerodromes in France.

Reconnaissance aircraft of the Coastal Command found oil tanks in Rotterdam still burning this morning after a recent bombing attack.

They took the opportunity to bomb several more and set them on fire.

ALLIES HOLD UP INVADERS

FROM PAGE ONE

40 reserve divisions were formed and last of September 40 Landwehr divisions were created by general mobilisation and 60 training divisions were set up to serve as depot divisions and for the instruction of conscripts.

Nazi Reinforcements

The official French War Office analyst reported to-night that the German High Command had withdrawn divisions from the Swiss frontier and from the Siegfried Line itself to throw into the Battle of Flanders in an effort to prevent the Allies closing the gap at Arras.

The arrival of these fresh troops to reinforce the very tired Germans, who have been in continuous action for 17 days without a break and with only thinned food and almost no sleep, was felt chiefly along the northern edge of the pocket along the Lys and Escaut rivers.

It was there that the Germans hammered the Allies most of to-day and yesterday.

MALTA, May 26 (Reuter).—The American Consul to-day strongly advised Americans to leave Malta for the United States at the earliest possible moment.

Lady Help of Christians, the Patroness of the Salesian Congregation, Many Masses were celebrated, and these culminated with Solemn High Mass at 9.30. The Church was packed at every Mass.

In the afternoon there was a great concourse of the faithful for the recitation of the Rosary, after which a Procession was held in the school grounds. The school band, under the direction of Bro. Bonnici, played during the Procession.

Afterwards a sermon was preached in English by the Rev. Father Suppo, S.C.J. of the Salesian Missionary House, Shaukiwan, and the ceremonies terminated with Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

During the day, prayers were recited for peace, and God's blessing was implored for the success of the Allies and the British Empire.

Nazi Onrush Stemmed

Paris, May 26.

"The German onrush is practically stemmed everywhere," writes Charles Morice in Le Petit Parisien. "We are still far from recovery, but since last Wednesday a real change has come about."

Writing in Le Populaire, Mr. Leon Blum, former French Premier, says that the Allies have massed powerful armies on the enemy flanks—one intact and the other fresh and ready for battle. To-day they hold their hands every possibility of victory—Reuter.

All Nazi Attacks Fail

Paris, May 26. A communique delivered to-day states:

"The enemy delivered several attacks on our northern front but they all failed. The local action which undertook on the Somme front turned to our advantage and we seized new crossing points on the river. Along the Aisne and the Meuse there has been lively artillery activity on both sides. A strong enemy attack was repulsed in the region of Montreux." Reuter.

Fighting at Boulogne

Paris, May 26. It was stated this morning that all the German attacks in the region of Courtrai had been repulsed. The French are still fighting in Boulogne and Calais has not been attacked.—Reuter.

More German Claims

Berlin, May 26. A High Command communique states:

"German forces in Flanders and Artois are continuing their concentric attack against the hemmed in enemy armies and have succeeded in narrowing down their fighting space. On many points the enemy is offering tough resistance. The German air force is being employed in order to break this resistance. In Ostend an ammunition dump and naval depot were set on fire. One transport was badly damaged. During Friday night our air force successfully bombed numerous aerodromes in the east and south-east of England. Two big merchantmen of 5,000 tons each, and two smaller vessels and a warship were hit off Calais. Our aircraft continued their attacks against railways, artillery positions and troop concentrations. On May 25 the enemy lost 50 aeroplanes. Eleven German planes are missing. One warship and a cruiser were hit by German bombs in the area of Narvik. More German Alpine troops landed yesterday by parachute to reinforce the troops at Narvik.—Reuter.

Scene Of Interest Shifts

Paris, May 26. It is learned in reliable quarters that while the operations show slight calming down in the combat zone between Valenciennes, Cambrai and Arras, interest is now centred in the north-west of the north region.

At Courtrai and south of Courtrai the French and Belgians have repulsed the German attacks in force and counter-attacks have been tried out with very definite defensive success.

North-west of Arras the Germans reinforced their armoured car and motorised elements without however showing very great activity.

On the coast not only have the Germans not occupied Calais but they are still far from it to the south where very lively fighting is proceeding, causing very large German losses, notably in aviation.

This morning the French troops were still in Boulogne.

On the Somme to the east of Amiens the French operations are progressing along the length of the river.

In the east very violent French artillery fire has been launched in the Upper Argonne, apparently causing enormous German losses, while attempts by the Germans to cross the river Chiers in the Montmedy region were also repulsed with material losses.—Reuter.

"TELEGRAPH'S" WAR MAP

As a correspondent has kindly pointed out, the full page map of the Western Front reproduced on the "Telegraph" on Saturday has incorrect boundaries inasmuch as Alsace and Lorraine are shown inside Germany instead of being French territory.

The map, with certain modifications, was based on a large-scale map of the fighting zones in the World War, where Alsace and Lorraine reverted to their Motherland. Our processing department omitted to make the necessary modification in this sector.

Readers who are retaining the copies as published on Saturday, or those who intend to purchase additional art paper copies (which are on sale at 30 cents each) are requested to note this discrepancy. At the same time the "Telegraph" apologises to its many French friends.

ROTARY CLUB

To-morrow afternoon's meeting of the Hongkong Rotary Club will be a Ladies' Day function, when Mr. Owen P. Johnson will show two coloured films, which he will describe, entitled "Overnight to Hawaii" and "Treasure Isles of the Pacific."

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CIVIL SERVICE SURPRISE LEAGUE BASKETBALL KOWLOON B.G.C.

"Possible" Recorded By L. Jordan's Rink In Third Division

THE ONLY SURPRISE result in the First Division of the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday was the defeat of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club by the Civil Service C.C. by 66 shots to 60. As predicted, the Indian R.C. were no match for the champions, Club de Recreio "A," and were beaten by 77 shots to 51.

Though it was expected that the Kowloon Cricket Club-Craigengower match would be close, it was also expected that the home team would have had the slight advantage, and the result, therefore, in the Valley team's favour was something of another surprise.

Winning the traditional bottle of whiskey, presented by Messrs. Gault Price and Co., for "possibles" and sevens, L. Jordan's rink (H. Spong, C. E. Langley and P. A. Peckham) laid claim to four bottles with their "possible" against B. Evans' rink in the Kowloon B. G. C. Kowloon F.C. Third Division match. Jordan scored this on the eighth end to lead by 13-6.

Two further bottles went to C. G. Silva's rink (Recreio v. I.R.C.) and to M. R. Abbas' rink in the same match. Silva finished with a seven on the 20th end to beat A. K. Minu 29-14, while Abbas recorded his seven at the 14th end when being led 8-18 by F. X. Silva. The latter won by 25-4.

CLOSE FINISH

The Kowloon-Craigengower match was the closest. E. Kern beat C. S. Russell 19-18, while F. Goodwin tied 22-21 with R. Bana. Kowloon had thus a one shot lead on the first two rinks, but U. M. Omar, the C.C.C. and Interport skip, proved equal to the occasion and finished his match with a lead of three shots, the score being 25-23. At one period E. C. Fincher, the Kowloon skip, was led 24-6, but with 3,4,3,2,1 crept up to 22-24, at which stage U. M. Omar laid one.

SURPRISE

H. Stronge, winning 18-16, and J. F. McGowan, winning 24-20, gave the Civil Service a 7-shot lead as a result of the first two games against the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, and though A. M. Holland (K.B.G.C.) led Jones by 20-13 at one period, Jones scored 3,2,1,5 to take a 22-20 lead on the 10th. Holland proceeded to record a four, and on the last end, Jones scored one and was beaten 24-23.

The scores in brief were:

FIRST DIVISION			
Recreio "A"	77	Indian R.C.	51
Kowloon B.G.C.	66	Craigengower	60
Civil Service	66	K.B.G.C.	60
Recreio "B"	70	Police	59
Hongkong F.C.	58	Kowloon	53
SECOND DIVISION			
Craigengower	71	Kowloon F.C.	46
K.B.G.C.	64	Talcoo	60
Police	53	Kowloon	50

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Home Football

Fourth Round Matches For League Cup

LONDON, May 25 (Reuter).—Several big scores were registered in the English and Scottish Football Leagues to-day, Huddersfield beating Darlington 8-2 at home, in the North Eastern Section, while Millwall beat Crystal Palace 7-2 and Watford beat Bournemouth 7-1.

Clyde entered the final of the Glasgow Charity Cup Competition when they beat Queen's Park by three corners. Both sides had scored 11 goals, but the winners forced 11 corners to their opponents' eight. They will now meet Glasgow Rangers in the final.

Blackburn Rovers beat West Bromwich by the odd goal in three in their Football League Cup competition. Fulham and West Ham being other successful teams.

LEAGUE CUP

FOURTH ROUND			
Fulham	2	West Bromwich	1
Blackburn Rovers	2	West Ham	1
One result not called			
ENGLISH REGIONALS			
NORTH-WESTERN			
Reckdale	3	Oldham	1
Barrow	3	Burnley	1
Southport	3	Swansea	1
SOUTH-WESTERN			
Newport	3	Cardiff	1
Swindon	3	Leeds	1
NORTH-EASTERN			
Bradford	3	Bradford City	1
Hull	3	Sheff. Wed.	1
Hull	3	Sheff. Wed.	1
Hull	3	Sheff. Wed.	1
Hull	3	Sheff. Wed.	1
SOUTH A.			
Portsmouth	3	Sheff. Wed.	1
Tottenham	3	Sheff. Wed.	1
SOUTH S.			
Norwich	3	Sheff. Wed.	1
Southend	3	Sheff. Wed.	1
Watford	3	Sheff. Wed.	1
MIDLAND			
Leicester	3	Sheff. Wed.	1
Sheff. Wed.	3	Sheff. Wed.	1
Sheff. Wed.	3	Sheff. Wed.	1
EAST-MIDLAND			
Sheff. Wed.	3	Sheff. Wed.	1
Sheff. Wed.	3	Sheff. Wed.	1
WESTERN			
Liverpool	3	Sheff. Wed.	1
Stockport	3	Sheff. Wed.	1
Stoke	3	Sheff. Wed.	1
FRIENDLIES			
Aldershot	3	Sheff. Wed.	1
Brentford	3	Sheff. Wed.	1
Northampton	3	Sheff. Wed.	1
SCOTTISH REGIONALS			
WESTERN			
Kilmarnock	3	Sheff. Wed.	1
Northampton	3	Sheff. Wed.	1
EASTERN			
Dundee United	3	Sheff. Wed.	1
Heart of Midlothian	3	Sheff. Wed.	1

Swimming

"Y" Hold First Gala Of Season

THE FIRST swimming gala and dance of the season held by the European Y.M.C.A. on Saturday proved very successful, there being over 200 people present. The programme of swimming events was comprised of handicap races, and was productive of some very keen competition.

The results were:

Men's 50 yards aggregate handicap—Heat 1: 1. J. Slaytor (31 sec.), 2. J. Slaytor (31 sec.), 3. J. Slaytor (31 sec.). Heat 2: 1. J. Slaytor (31 sec.), 2. J. Slaytor (31 sec.), 3. J. Slaytor (31 sec.). Heat 3: 1. J. Slaytor (31 sec.), 2. J. Slaytor (31 sec.), 3. J. Slaytor (31 sec.).

Men's 100 yards aggregate handicap—Heat 1: 1. J. Slaytor (1:05 sec.), 2. J. Slaytor (1:05 sec.), 3. J. Slaytor (1:05 sec.). Heat 2: 1. J. Slaytor (1:05 sec.), 2. J. Slaytor (1:05 sec.), 3. J. Slaytor (1:05 sec.). Heat 3: 1. J. Slaytor (1:05 sec.), 2. J. Slaytor (1:05 sec.), 3. J. Slaytor (1:05 sec.).

Men's 200 yards aggregate handicap—Heat 1: 1. J. Slaytor (2:10 sec.), 2. J. Slaytor (2:10 sec.), 3. J. Slaytor (2:10 sec.). Heat 2: 1. J. Slaytor (2:10 sec.), 2. J. Slaytor (2:10 sec.), 3. J. Slaytor (2:10 sec.). Heat 3: 1. J. Slaytor (2:10 sec.), 2. J. Slaytor (2:10 sec.), 3. J. Slaytor (2:10 sec.).

Men's 400 yards aggregate handicap—Heat 1: 1. J. Slaytor (4:20 sec.), 2. J. Slaytor (4:20 sec.), 3. J. Slaytor (4:20 sec.). Heat 2: 1. J. Slaytor (4:20 sec.), 2. J. Slaytor (4:20 sec.), 3. J. Slaytor (4:20 sec.). Heat 3: 1. J. Slaytor (4:20 sec.), 2. J. Slaytor (4:20 sec.), 3. J. Slaytor (4:20 sec.).

Men's 800 yards aggregate handicap—Heat 1: 1. J. Slaytor (8:40 sec.), 2. J. Slaytor (8:40 sec.), 3. J. Slaytor (8:40 sec.). Heat 2: 1. J. Slaytor (8:40 sec.), 2. J. Slaytor (8:40 sec.), 3. J. Slaytor (8:40 sec.). Heat 3: 1. J. Slaytor (8:40 sec.), 2. J. Slaytor (8:40 sec.), 3. J. Slaytor (8:40 sec.).

Men's 1600 yards aggregate handicap—Heat 1: 1. J. Slaytor (17:20 sec.), 2. J. Slaytor (17:20 sec.), 3. J. Slaytor (17:20 sec.). Heat 2: 1. J. Slaytor (17:20 sec.), 2. J. Slaytor (17:20 sec.), 3. J. Slaytor (17:20 sec.). Heat 3: 1. J. Slaytor (17:20 sec.), 2. J. Slaytor (17:20 sec.), 3. J. Slaytor (17:20 sec.).

Men's 3200 yards aggregate handicap—Heat 1: 1. J. Slaytor (34:40 sec.), 2. J. Slaytor (34:40 sec.), 3. J. Slaytor (34:40 sec.). Heat 2: 1. J. Slaytor (34:40 sec.), 2. J. Slaytor (34:40 sec.), 3. J. Slaytor (34:40 sec.). Heat 3: 1. J. Slaytor (34:40 sec.), 2. J. Slaytor (34:40 sec.), 3. J. Slaytor (34:40 sec.).

Men's 6400 yards aggregate handicap—Heat 1: 1. J. Slaytor (70:00 sec.), 2. J. Slaytor (70:00 sec.), 3. J. Slaytor (70:00 sec.). Heat 2: 1. J. Slaytor (70:00 sec.), 2. J. Slaytor (70:00 sec.), 3. J. Slaytor (70:00 sec.). Heat 3: 1. J. Slaytor (70:00 sec.), 2. J. Slaytor (70:00 sec.), 3. J. Slaytor (70:00 sec.).

Men's 12800 yards aggregate handicap—Heat 1: 1. J. Slaytor (140:00 sec.), 2. J. Slaytor (140:00 sec.), 3. J. Slaytor (140:00 sec.). Heat 2: 1. J. Slaytor (140:00 sec.), 2. J. Slaytor (140:00 sec.), 3. J. Slaytor (140:00 sec.). Heat 3: 1. J. Slaytor (140:00 sec.), 2. J. Slaytor (140:00 sec.), 3. J. Slaytor (140:00 sec.).



Eve of Reason (D. Black up) being led in after winning the Lantao Handicap, the last race on Saturday. Eve of Reason won \$144,278 for Mr. Ko Fook-shing, son of the proprietor of the Oriental Theatre.—Ming Yuen.

South China A.A. Win Open Relay Race At Wah Yan Sports Meet

A SLIGHT, persistent drizzle and fresh cross winds failed to deter the Wah Yan Past Students' Association from holding their third annual sports meet at Caroline Hill yesterday, and a fairish crowd lent their support to make it a success.

Events were ticked off, and highlights of the meet were the throwing of the cricket ball, in which several masters of the school participated, and the Open 400 metres relay race, which South China A.A. won in the good time of 46 4/5 seconds.

In the former event the Very Rev. Fr. R. W. Gallagher vied with Mr. Joseph Ng for the shortest distance, while Mr. Anasaram alone a march on them, losing the ball 216 ft. 0 in.

In the invitation foursome, five teams participated South China A.A., International A.C., Wah Yan, Middlesex and the Royal Scots. South China and the International Club each chalked a win over the other in previous meetings and this was to settle the feud. Sprinkle got off to a bad start and S.C.'s first man sprang into a four yards' lead, which their second man increased to seven yards, Gascon doing his utmost to overtake him.

A Leonard proved a little more successful with S.C.'s third man and gave the baton to anchor Castro. Castro looked as if he could manage it, but slipped on the home bend, lost his stride and the race by about three yards.

The prizes were distributed by Mrs. Ko Fook-shing, wife of the President of the Wah Yan Old Boys' Association.

Results were as follows:—
400 Metres Open Relay.—1. South China A.A. (46 4/5 sec.), 2. International A.C. (47 1/5 sec.), 3. Wah Yan College (48 1/5 sec.), 4. Middlesex (49 1/5 sec.), 5. Royal Scots (50 1/5 sec.).
100 Metres.—1. South China A.A. (1:15 sec.), 2. International A.C. (1:16 sec.), 3. Wah Yan College (1:17 sec.), 4. Middlesex (1:18 sec.), 5. Royal Scots (1:19 sec.).
200 Metres.—1. South China A.A. (2:30 sec.), 2. International A.C. (2:31 sec.), 3. Wah Yan College (2:32 sec.), 4. Middlesex (2:33 sec.), 5. Royal Scots (2:34 sec.).
400 Metres.—1. South China A.A. (4:50 sec.), 2. International A.C. (4:51 sec.), 3. Wah Yan College (4:52 sec.), 4. Middlesex (4:53 sec.), 5. Royal Scots (4:54 sec.).
800 Metres.—1. South China A.A. (9:40 sec.), 2. International A.C. (9:41 sec.), 3. Wah Yan College (9:42 sec.), 4. Middlesex (9:43 sec.), 5. Royal Scots (9:44 sec.).
1600 Metres.—1. South China A.A. (19:20 sec.), 2. International A.C. (19:21 sec.), 3. Wah Yan College (19:22 sec.), 4. Middlesex (19:23 sec.), 5. Royal Scots (19:24 sec.).
3200 Metres.—1. South China A.A. (38:40 sec.), 2. International A.C. (38:41 sec.), 3. Wah Yan College (38:42 sec.), 4. Middlesex (38:43 sec.), 5. Royal Scots (38:44 sec.).
6400 Metres.—1. South China A.A. (77:20 sec.), 2. International A.C. (77:21 sec.), 3. Wah Yan College (77:22 sec.), 4. Middlesex (77:23 sec.), 5. Royal Scots (77:24 sec.).
12800 Metres.—1. South China A.A. (154:40 sec.), 2. International A.C. (154:41 sec.), 3. Wah Yan College (154:42 sec.), 4. Middlesex (154:43 sec.), 5. Royal Scots (154:44 sec.).

Chung Hwa Subdue H.K. Baseballers

THE WEEK-END BASEBALL schedule featured two league games and a friendly. On Saturday, Chung Hwa beat the Hongkong Baseballers. On Sunday the Mindanao trounced the R. Engineers, and the Asheville humbled the H.K. Brewery.

The scores were:—
Chung Hwa 7, H.K. Baseballers 4.
Mindanao 15, R. Engineers 7.
Asheville 8, H.K. Brewery 1.

Chung Hwa scored one in the first frame, but were held level by the Baseballers in the same inning. In the third inning, the Baseballers forged ahead with two runs, but in the fourth the Chung Hwa put the game on ice with four runs.

The Mindanao-R. Engineers game was a run-around, for the Ballers. The Sappers tried hard but could not hold the hard-hitting blue jackets. Yesterday, the Asheville men took a thrilling victory over the Brewery boys. It was only a friendly game. Asheville took the narrow lead and managed to hold it to the end.

Chinese "Y" Defeat Pui Ying In Last Half Minute Of Game

(By "Guard")

A further six games were decided at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. during last week, the most exciting match was the tussle on Wednesday between the "Y" and Pui Ying, the former nosed out the P.Y.s in the premier cage league in the last half minute left for play, clinching matters with a field goal to make 33-32.

Employing the five men defence play Guard Luk Tat-cheong sneaked in five times to score from underbasket. Centres Wong Wai-ming and Mak Tai-kwong contributed their quota with some excellent field goals. Pui Ying fought a losing battle from the jump, and started the second half with a big handicap. This they quickly reduced and the closing minutes was a keen tussle, with them leading a point, when the final points crushed their hopes.

The curtain raiser of Cheong Hung-Hung and Yau Yau was a mad scramble from the jump to the final whistle with little of science but plenty of wasted brawn. Lam Yun-chung, Chan Ho and Chiu Fai-tat did a gallant bit to help their team gain the 53-40 decision, while Yui Chun-yim and Poon Hin-ming laboured valiantly for Yau Yau.

Pui Ying had their cup of bitterness filled when their juniors succumbed to Lai Hang 55-33, in a keenly fought encounter. Bad luck featured Pui Ying's play as many would-be goals hit the rim of the hoop and bounced off. Lai Hang's set worked well together, but it was left to Lo Hok-shut (12) and Yui Kum-sang (12) to pile up steadily for them.

Wah Kiu Beaten

ON SATURDAY the opening minutes of the top liner, Wah Kiu versus Chung Sing, appeared as if complacent Chung Sing were in for another set-back. However, Kiu was not strong enough, having lost some good engers the past week and proved easy victims going down 72-57.

So Pak-fai played an excellent game at defence for Chung Sing, snugging passes and firing them cannon-ball fashion to Sum Siu-ling (20), mostly from underbasket. Chan Yiu-chung worried his way in and found the basket eight times. Top scorer of the evening, however, was Cheong Yip-lum for Wah Kiu who notched 22 points, and was followed by Foo Hay-cheong (18).

Junior Games

IN THE FIRST juniors' mix-up, Chung Mo disposed of Hung Ying in a tight game, which later developed into a freezing out of Hung Ying, 40-33. Chan Kiu-kei (22) and Leung Kwok Ying (8) were the best. Chung Mo while Lee Wah-hon

Big Sweep Winner

First prize in the Lantao Handicap—\$144,278.40—was won by Mr. Ko Fook-shing with Through Ticket number 1205. Mr. Ko is the son of Mr. Ko Ho-ming, proprietor of the Oriental Theatre, and celebrated his good fortune with a dinner on Saturday night.

played a hard earned 6 goals game for Hung Ying.

In the last junior flare the "Y" burned up Police 46-10. Police gained most of their points from long shots which had more than an element of chance in them. Their team work was deplorable and left everything to be wanted. Wong Chow-ting for the "Y" was top scorer chalking 14 goals for his side.

THE SCORES

Saturday

FIRST DIVISION

Chung Sing 72 Wah Kiu 57

SECOND DIVISION

Chung Mo 46 Hung Ying 33

Wednesday

FIRST DIVISION

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Dennis Noble		
B 8004	There'll always be an England	Lords of the Air
B 8005	We must all stick together	Wings over the Navy
B 8970	Until	The organ blower
Paul Robeson		
B 8007	Swing low, sweet chariot	That's why darkies were born
B 8077	Cobblers' song	Blind ploughman
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By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
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Six Uncles
Already she has sent 1,000 to her six uncles in France. And she does it all herself—well, almost. Her mother sort of superintends.

For Ann, it should be explained, is the daughter of Mrs. Jean Rayment, of Kingswood-road, Brixton, S.W.

Fair-haired, snub-nosed, she dances and sings. And these are the talents she uses to collect cigarettes.

A.F.S. units in London know her well, for she is the mascot of at least one station.

Wearing her miniature A.F.S. uniform, she dances and entertains them, and then goes round with the hat. What she finds in her hat she sends to a tobacco firm.

"Dear Tommy"
With the "smokes" she sends this letter:—
"My dear Tommies and Piers in France—
"I am going to sing and dance to buy you cigs, for Christmas Day. Then you can smoke your blues away."
"I'll do a fox-trot and can-can with love and kisses, from Bobby Ann."
"P.S.—I'm not in camp, but the officers' mess, but doing my bit with the A.F.S."
Ann lives near a fire station, and it was the firemen's appreciation of her impromptu dancing that started the idea.

Her mother teaches her to sing and dance, for she herself was on the stage before she was married.

'KULTUR' IN NAZI CAMP

From J. SZAPIRO
Former "Daily Herald" Warsaw Correspondent

DETAILS have reached me of how the Nazis treated the 150 Cracow University professors who were imprisoned at a concentration camp near Berlin.

The facts were given by a man who has talked with a professor just released from the camp.

The Polish scholars, all elderly men, shared two halls with a number of German Catholics and several criminals.

They were given old Army uniforms with large letters and numbers on the backs. Their beards and hair were shaved off.

The food consisted of a thin, tasteless soup, potatoes and bread. Books and newspapers were barred. In a pathetic effort to drive off boredom the professors organised lectures and poetry recitals during their free time.

It has already been announced that ten professors died while at the camp. Six others died in Cracow within four weeks of being allowed to return home.

They Just Could Not Have Done It

THE German Propaganda Bureau stated recently that during April 986,000 tons of coal was sent overland from Germany to Italy, thus fulfilling the contract between the two countries. The statement received wide publicity and was given in the British newspapers.

The "Sunday Express" has investigated the claim and found that it just could not be done.

To send nearly 1,000,000 tons of coal by rail from Germany to Italy during April, 100,000 trucks, each carrying ten tons, would be needed.

The average load of a coal train is 500 tons. Hence 2,000 engines would be required to haul the train.

And 600 trains of coal would have to arrive in Italy every twenty-four hours during the month—that is, one train every twenty-two minutes of the day and night.

Officials of British railways declare that, unless the whole of the Italian railway services were completely disorganised to allow the coal trains to pass, it would be utterly impossible for anything like 1,000,000 tons of coal to be handled in the time.

The Italian railways could not possibly handle a coal train every twenty-two minutes, and it is clear that the British railways could not handle a coal train every twenty-two minutes. Even though all other traffic was suspended during April and the lines

WAR NEWS WITH A SMILE



"I'm sorry I can't read that, doctor. I don't speak the language."

Scares U.S. Listeners End-Of-World "Stunt"

AMERICANS listening to a programme from a Middle West station, heard the announcer read this telegram, addressed to Jack Benny, the film and radio star:

"Your worst fears that the world is to end are confirmed by astro-nomers at the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia."

"These scientists predict that the world will end at 3 p.m. on Monday, April 1. This is no April Fool statement."

"Confirmation can be obtained from Mr. Wagner Schlessinger, director of the Fels Planetarium in this city."

Thousands of frantic residents of Philadelphia, believing the telegram to be authentic, flooded newspaper

offices with telephone calls seeking confirmation of the report.

They were soon put at ease, says the British United Press.

What the announcer had failed to mention was that the telegram was part of a publicity stunt in connection with the opening of a new exhibit, "How the World will End," at the Franklin Institute.

A few minutes after it had been realised what the effect of the broadcast would be, the radio station made an announcement explaining the facts.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

May 27, 1890.
Major General Barker, our new Commander-in-Chief, arrived here yesterday by the English mail.

Stanley, when receiving the freedom of the City of London at the Guildhall, was the only Englishman in the world who was the sole obstacle to England taking over and settling the Congo and East Africa.

Reuter wires to Singapore that Stanley, the notorious African hunter of defenceless negroes, is engaged to marry Miss Dorothy Tennant, a lady well known in art circles in London.

In reference to the Report of Governor Des Voeux on the moral condition of Hongkong, the Christian Editor of "The Friend," a religious rag, cheerfully remarks: "The Friend" is not the place in which to publish the loathsome details which are designed to make manifest the utter falsity of the Governor's dictum as far as "moral" achievement is concerned and to expose the guilty partnership existing between the British Government and sin in that island. One hardly knows how to account for so strange laudation, except as a result of that morbid obliquity that calls evil good and good evil; that puts darkness for light and light for darkness. A "woe" is pronounced on those who thus mislead others; but, alas! how many of those who are misled fall into the "horrible pit" of this sort of blasphemous twaddle is scarcely calculated to bring local sinners to the stool of repentance.

The Queen-to-day unveils an equestrian statue of the Prince Consort at Windsor, the Jubilee Gift of the United Kingdom, the children of the United Kingdom, the King of the Belgians and all the members of the English Royal Family will be present.

Mr. Norris, M.P., has given notice of his intention to call the attention of the House of Commons to the destitute condition of several of the survivors of Balaclava and the Indian Mutiny.

25 YEARS AGO

May 27, 1915.
Reuter's correspondent at British Headquarters says that the British now have lost no ground, despite the gas attack in the region of Ypres. Italy claims the Allies have been received with intense enthusiasm throughout the whole Army.

The hope appears to be unanimous that Mr. John Redmond will be persuaded to join the Cabinet, which will include Sir Edward Carson. "The Times" states that Mr. Churchill will remain in the Cabinet.

10 YEARS AGO

May 27, 1930.
Fears of an invasion by the "Ironside" troops, under General Paton, with the Hunan-Hopei frontiers, with Hankow and Wuchang as their objectives, thus threatening the Nationalist troops fighting in Hunan against the Shensi-Kuomintang combined forces, were allayed this morning by the Nationalist Commanders, who decided to dispatch three regular divisions to the Yangtze in Hunan in anticipation of the "Ironside" invasion.

"The Daily Mail" has made a gift of £10,000 to Miss Amy Johnson in recognition of her solo flying solo from England to Australia.

5 YEARS AGO

May 27, 1935.
Prince von Starbomberg, Austrian Vice-Chancellor and commander-in-chief of the Heimwehr, acting under the laws of a dictatorship, announced elements of the Austrian military organisation.

The campaign is aimed particularly against the Nazi influence which has crept into the Heimwehr.

London's Nazi Camp Is Fake

BUT ACTORS KNOW THE REAL THING

By A Film Correspondent

I FOUND an entire floor at the Gaumont-British studios, Shepherds Bush, W., transferred into a Nazi concentration camp recently.

It was the first day of the film, "Gestapo," directed by Carol Reed.

One hundred yards of barbed wire separated the men from the women, among whom was leading lady Margaret Lockwood.

U-Boat Kidnap

She plays the part of a girl kidnapped from Britain and taken by U-boat to Germany.

Detail is being supervised by Herr "Wernher Hardt" (as he prefers to be called).

Like several of the men "prisoners," he has had actual experience of the camps.

"Don't mention my name, please," begged one of them.

One of the black-uniformed, swastika-armed S.S. guards was carrying a German carbine. It bore on its butt the name of a Danzig factory and the date 1938.

Used In Last War

It was used by a soldier in the last war, and yielded up to the Allies under the Versailles Treaty.

Now it is a "prop" in a British film. The plot deals with a Czech inventor who escapes from the Nazis but is rounded up by their spies abroad.

Flex Harrison, Paul von Hernald, James Harcourt Naughton Wayne and Basil Radford are principals.

The cameraman, Otto Kanturek, is Czech-born.

P. L. M.



STREAMLINE—Get an eyeful of Sonja Henie's new figure, as famed skating star poses at Arrowhead Springs, Cal. She's recuperating from illness suffered en route from Hawaiian vacation.

SUBMERGED JUNK SEEN

A half-submerged junk was reported on Thursday in position Latitude 21.48 North, Longitude 113.33 East.

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1950 MAY NOT HAVE ENOUGH WIVES

WOMEN outnumber men in England and Wales by 1,631,000, it is shown by figures published recently. More than half a million of what were once called "surplus women" live in Greater London alone.

He Seals His Letters In Chinese

"Joy Guest" Is Englishman's Name

THERE is one Englishman in London who seals his letters with his name in Chinese. He is Mr. Robert Hart Mase, formerly an officer in the Chinese Customs Inspectorate, and a nephew of Sir Robert Hart, the celebrated head of the Chinese Customs Service. He is now retired, and lives in Norwood.

Mr. Hart Mase's Chinese name, bestowed on him by his uncle, is transliterated Mei Le Pin. Mei is the surname, chosen because it approximates to Mase. Le means "joy" and Pin "a guest." The name is regarded as particularly lucky by the Chinese people, for everyone is delighted to have joy as a guest.

Vera, 17, Is New Table Tennis Star

SEVEN THOUSAND table tennis fans—all that the law will allow—stood on their seats and cheered a young English girl, Vera Dace, when she won the English Women's Open Table Tennis Championship at the Empire Pool, Wembley, recently.

She beat Dora Beregi, a red-headed Hungarian, by four sets to one in the final. It was her first major success in table tennis. Miss Dace is seventeen and is employed at the Board of Trade. Previously Miss Beregi had beaten Jean Nicoll, the holder of the title. The men's title was won by the young world champion from Poland, Richard Bergmann.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued 12.30 p.m. Saturday says: Conditions remain unchanged. Buyers' Sellers' Sales

H.K. Bank	.....	\$1,350	445
Union	.....	.....	.....
Cement	.....	.....	.....
Doors	.....	.....	.....
Govt. 4% Loan	.....	\$102	845

LATE NEWS

All these women are twenty-years old, or more. Below that age there are more boys than girls.

This suggests that a time may come when there will be a shortage of women. Here is the position in the youngest age groups:—

Up to fifteen years: More boys than girls.

Fifteen to twenty: About equal numbers.

In ten years, when to-day's boys of fifteen are at marrying age, will there be enough brides near their own age?

It was forecast by Professor Bowley in 1923 that by 1951 there would be thousands more males than women between fifteen and forty-five.

The figures issued recently—the latest completed by the Registrar-General—show that in the middle of 1938 there were 19,792,000 males and 21,423,000 females of all ages in England and Wales.

Wales, however, already had 5,000 more men than women—1,235,700 to 1,230,100.

More than half the extra women in England live in the south-east and in the towns. The excess in country areas is small.

New Low Level
The Registrar-General's Statistical Review also shows that in 1938—

Maternal mortality reached a new low level of 2.63 per 1,000 births. Infant mortality (under one year) was 53 per 1,000 births—four per 1,000 below the previous record.

Births totalled 621,204, and the birth rate was 15.1 per 1,000 of the population—2 higher than in 1937, 3 higher than in 1936, and 7 higher than in 1933.

Staffordshire (17.7) had the highest rate; Cardiganshire (11.9) and Cambridgeshire (12.2) were lowest.

£40,000,000 Man Sued For Divorce

MRS. Mary Elizabeth Altemus Whitney, after registering at a fashionable hotel at Reno, Nevada, said that she had established residence there to divorce John Hay (Jock) Whitney, the New York sportsman.

She had motored from Hollywood. Her suit would be filed "in due course," she said.

Last month, Mr. Whitney was reported to have offered to settle £750,000 on his wife after she had admitted she was separated from him.

Tried to Win National
Mr. Whitney, an Oxford undergraduate when his father died and left him the heir to his £40,000,000 fortune, was married in 1930 to Miss Mary Elizabeth Altemus.

Her wedding present from "Play-boy Jock" was £250,000. Sportsmen in England know Jock Whitney largely for his racing stable. He spent a fortune on his greatest ambition—to win the Antares Grand National—and nearly won it three times with Sir Lindsay, Easter Hero and Thomson II.

To-day his interests are those of a film magnate. He is president of Selznick International Pictures and has devoted much time to making technicolour famous.

SATURDAY'S BRIDE

Mr. Joseph P. Lee Weds Miss M. A. Ng

The wedding took place at St. Margaret's Church, Happy Valley, on Saturday, between Mr. Joseph P. Lee and Miss Margaret Anne Ng. The Rev. Fr. U. Gelblat officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Ng, of Cheungang. She was given away by her father.

The bridegroom is the nephew of Mr. Lee. Tung-sun, director of Messrs. Joseph B. Lee & Co., and also director of Messrs. Louis A. Lee and Co.

Mr. Quah Chow-cheong undertook the duties of best man.

The reception was held at the Luk Kwok Hotel.

Story Of Nazi Warship's Fate

WHEN the submarine Spearfish attacked the Admiral Scheer, Germany's crack pocket battleship listed immediately.

Our underwater men had made a direct hit.

That was the news they told when they came home to a British port.

Lieut. Commander John Hay Forbes spotted the big ship and ordered the attack, told his men they had scored a hit as three destroyers escorted the battleship bore down on them, writes a correspondent.

"We cheered like mad," they said. Ever since the beginning of war they had been waiting to see the German Navy, and suddenly they found they were in the middle of it.

They cracked open the Scheer. But at the time they did not know what they had been firing at.

"We knew five minutes later," they said, "and we knew we would be in for trouble."

The Fun Began
The destroyers came after them, two forward, one aft. Then the "fun" began.

Depth charges were dropped. Commander Forbes ticked them off on a sheet.

None of them hit. So to-day the crew of the Spearfish came back to land with oil on their faces and soft beards growing on their chins.

There is no time to shave, or even cut in a battle like this. They looked as if they had been on a desert island. "Anyway, no one sees us but the fish," they chuckled.

"Oh, the Scheer was a lovely sight, a lovely picture," they said. "But she wasn't so lovely when she listed. When we got her we felt we had got a bit of our own back."

Commander Forbes went to see his wife and two children in their house at the edge of the sea nearby. Mrs. Forbes had not worried.

"That doesn't seem to help," she said. "The only thing to do is to wait for him to come in at the gate."

"Torpedoed Her All Right"
I asked Charles, Commander Forbes's nine-year-old son, if he was glad to see his father back.

"Yes, I am," he said. "You mean 'I am,'" said an elder girl.

"Well, I'm glad," said Charles. Commander Forbes could hardly keep his eyes open. "We torpedoed the Scheer all right," he said. "I thought she had gone. She was going over when we were forced down."

He had come off the Spearfish swollen, bruised and immaculate. "My men were grand," he said. "They enjoyed it. It was work that the Navy's been looking for for a long time. They've been eager for action."

This was his first trip as commander of the Spearfish. "Art I could not have hoped for a better one," he said.

FAMOUS AIR PILOT KILLED

Among 65 names of R.A.F. officers and men in an Air Ministry casualty list issued recently are those of two pilots who became famous in peacetime aviation.

Flying Officer S. D. Slocum, 20, killed in action, was with British Airways for some years, and had flown more than 1,000,000 miles. In Dec., 1938, while returning from taking naval officers to their ships at Casablanca, he was fired on by Spanish Government anti-aircraft guns at Minorca. He escaped by following a zig-zag course, but the wings of his machine were dented by shrapnel. His parents live in Doyle-gardens, N.W.

Pt.-Lt. H. B. Johnson, 27, wounded in action, was one of the pilots in the R.A.F. formation of flying-boats which in Dec., 1937, flew from Plymouth to Australia. The cruise covered more than 30,000 miles.

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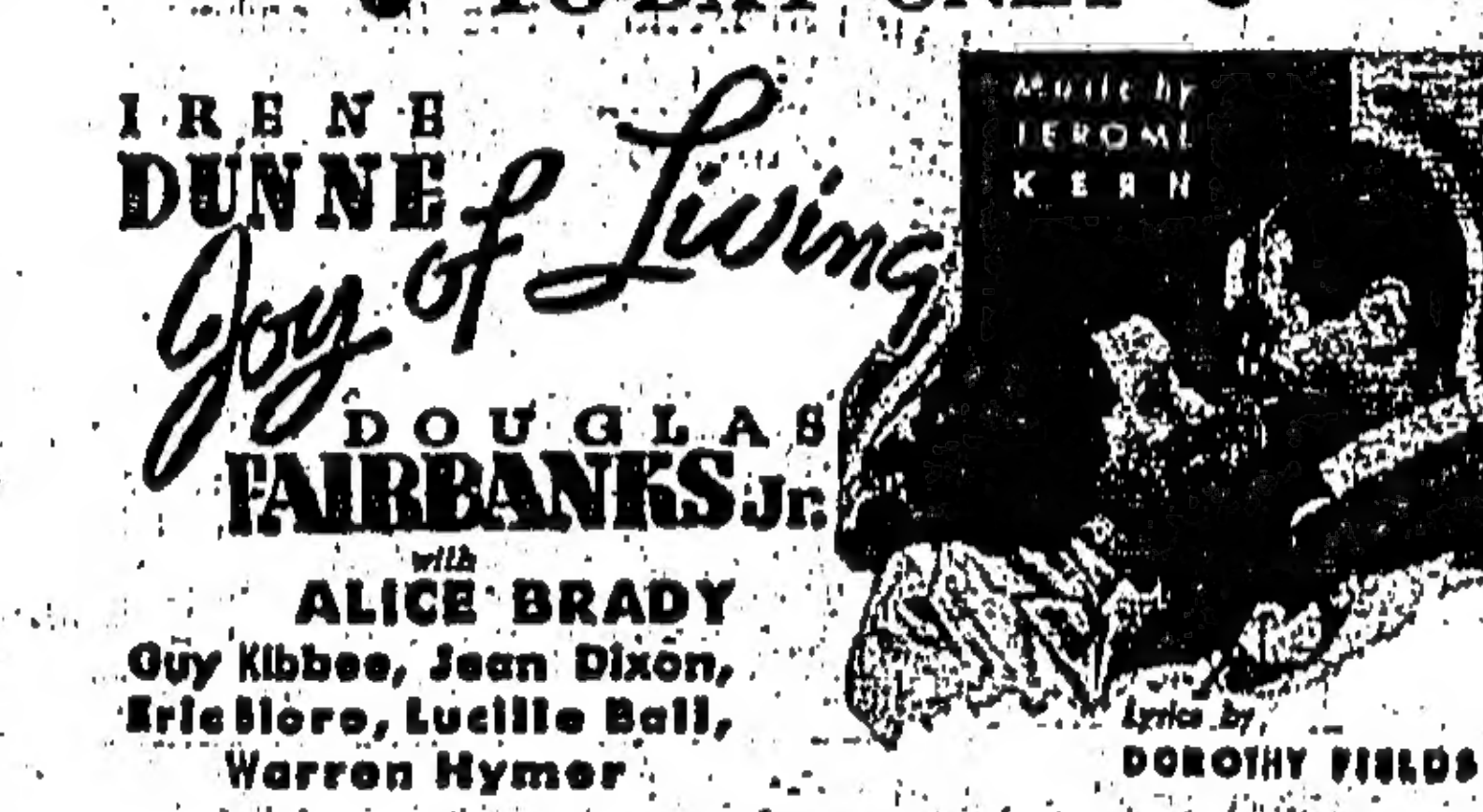
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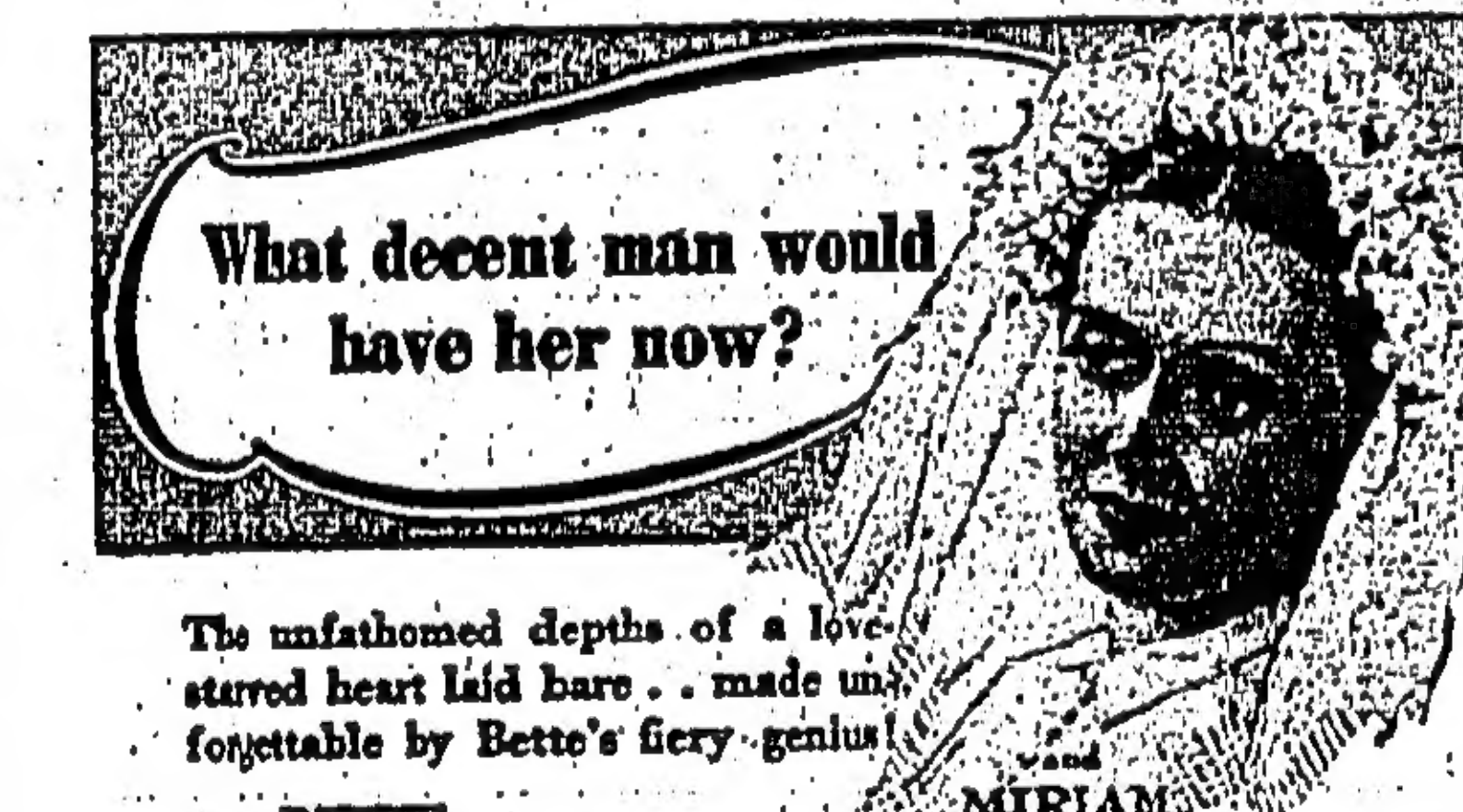
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IRONSIDE

NEW POST FOR GEN. IRONSIDE

Appointed C-in-C. Of Home Forces

LONDON, May 26 (Reuters).—General Sir Edmund Ironside has been appointed to be Commander-in-Chief of the Home Forces. He was formerly Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

He has been appointed to this new position in place of General Sir Walter Kirke, who will retire from the service.

General Sir John Dill will replace General Sir Edmund Ironside as Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

General Sir John Dill was formerly Commander of the First Corps of the British Expeditionary Force. Recently he was appointed to be Deputy Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

Important Changes

LONDON, May 26 (Reuters).—It is explained in well-informed circles here that the changes in the Commander-in-Chief of the Home Forces have been brought about by the development of the situation and the necessity of placing the defence of Britain against possible invasion in the strongest possible hands.

It is learned that the appointments of General Sir Edmund Ironside and General Sir John Dill are proof of the great importance which the Government attach to perfecting, by any means in their power, the strength of the British home defences.

The question of home defence is now one of paramount importance, "Reuters" was told by well-informed circles in London.

General Sir Edmund Ironside's new post is one to which only a soldier of his strategy and experience would be appointed.

The idea of an enemy invasion of Britain has been so far from reality for the past hundred years that it is necessary to place those defences on an entirely new footing.

Reasons For Appointment

It is emphasised that General Sir Edmund Ironside's appointment is in no way a criticism of the manner in which General Sir Walter Kirke has carried out his task. The change in the High Command, "Reuters" has been informed, is in no way analogous to the French Army changes.

No one has been "relieved of their command" but the extreme seriousness of the situation as a whole and the rapid growth of the German threat to the Channel ports has made it necessary for an immediate intensification of action on the home front.

Trapeze Artist Injured

Serge Popoff, 35-year-old trapeze artist was admitted to Kowloon Hospital last night suffering from abrasions to the body received whilst performing at the circus in Mongkok. His condition is described as fair.

Blackout, May 26 (Reuters).—The authorities have ordered a blackout throughout the country between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m. Up to now the blackout has only been imposed along the sea-front.

German Losses of Past 48 Hours Described As Staggering

ALLIES HOLD INVADERS AS 'MOPPING-UP' BEGINS

By RALPH HEINZEN

UNITED PRESS WAR CORRESPONDENT

PARIS, MAY 26 (UP).—THE GAP IN THE ALLIED LINES BETWEEN BAPAUME AND PERONNE WAS STILL OPEN TO-NIGHT.

The battle for the Channel ports, however, has turned in the Allies' favour with General Von Reichenau's main motorised army held at St. Omer and Arras.

FIVE MAJOR ATTACKS

General Weygand, who returned from an aerial inspection of the northern Allied armies, was quoted to-night as being particularly satisfied with the morale and combative qualities of those troops after they had fought off three major German attacks yesterday and two more to-day without ceding any terrain or allowing a German break through on the Lys front.

TERRIFIC TOLL IN POCKET

Allied artillery and aviation took terrific toll of German dead inside the pocket and among the Reichenau divisions beyond Artois.

The German casualties have been greater during the past 48 hours than at any time in the 17 days of the German drive so far.

This seems to support the contention that Hitler's orders to the Reich's General Staff were to "attack without counting losses."

BLINDED DIVISIONS

General Von Reichenau's blinded divisions turned northward to-day beyond Arras.

It was a manoeuvre clearly designed to turn the right flank of the Allied army north again and to try and encircle the Dutch, Belgian, French and British Forces before they can effect their junction with the Allied armies of the centre, now very solidly planted on the Somme and the Aisne.

But the Allied armies of the north, with their backs to the sea, fought off five violent attacks in two days and even though the Germans might claim certain local successes at Courtrai, Valenciennes and Arras and despite the Germans having planted their forces on the historic battle-ground at Vimy Ridge to dominate the Flanders countryside, the Allied army of the north continued to-day to receive ample food and munitions supplies by sea and was in excellent condition to continue the battle.

General Weygand is said to be particularly heartened by the fact that the Germans have made virtually no gains and that the situation in and out of the pocket has been stable for 48 hours.

Secondly, the Allied reports tend to prove the enormity of the German losses.

One report reached Paris from a Balkan source saying that 70,000 German wounded have arrived in Austria from the northern front and that schools in Austria have hastily been converted into hospitals.

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Wounded Ruthlessly Bombed

LONDON, May 26 (Reuters).

Three hospital ships arrived at a south coast port to-day with several hundred wounded from France.

Fourteen died on the way across.

A seaman on one of the ships said the Germans severely bombed the harbour from which they sailed on Saturday, and bombs dropped less than 300 feet away as the wounded were being taken aboard.

Fires were raging in the town and they could see flames and smoke when many miles out at sea.

Arrangements are being made for children, whose parents wish them to go, to be sent to safer districts in the Midlands and in Wales.

The movement will start next Sunday.

Evacuation from towns on coast

Latest Precautions By British Authorities

LONDON, May 26 (Reuters).—The Government has decided that as Holland, parts of Belgium and northern France are in enemy hands, the following towns on the south-east coast will become evacuation areas:

Great Yarmouth, Lowestoft, Felixstowe, Harwich, Clacton, Frinton, Walton Southend, Margate, Ramsgate, Broadstairs, Sandwich, Dover, Deal and Folkestone.

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LATEST

BOULOGNE CITADEL FALLS

PARIS, May 26 (UP).—The French High Command has admitted that the Germans have captured Boulogne.

The citadel was taken after desperate street fighting.

However, they claim that the German drive to the east through Flanders has been stalled by furious Allied resistance.

A military source said the Nazi losses have been tremendous as the invaders unleashed major attacks in five sectors, all of which were repulsed.

So deadly has the French artillery fire been that the German planes have been stalled by furious Allied resistance.

To-night's official communique said: "Violent fighting continues on the Somme where we have accentuated our advance."

The French Premier proceeded to London this morning to confer with the British War Cabinet.

He returned to Paris this evening.

See Back Page For Further Late News

Red-Crosses Removed

Americans Forced To Take Unusual Step

PARIS, May 26 (Reuters).—The red-crossed painted roofs of American ambulances operating in the war zone have been removed.

The American Ambulance Committee stated: "All our drivers agree that these Red Crosses only excite the malevolent attention of the German flyers."

Deliberate Attacks
In the last ten days, German planes have been bombing and machine-gunning our ambulances even when flying as low as 60 feet when a mistake is out of the question."

There is still no news of two American ambulances which entered Arras on May 19 when the town was violently bombed.

OUTSPOKEN SPEECH BY ROOSEVELT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, May 26 (UP).—President Roosevelt delivered one of his most outspoken speeches in a radio broadcast to the nation to-night.

The United States, he declared, does not have to abandon democracy to match its strength against aggressor nations.

"The idea that we can maintain our physical safety by retreating within our continental borders is futile."

"Obviously, such a policy of defence would merely invite attack in the future."

Illusion Shattered
"Events in Europe during the past fortnight have shattered the illusion that we are a remote island and therefore secure against the dangers from which no other land is free."

"It has been said that we are defenceless and it has been whispered that only by abandoning our freedom of democratic ideals can we build defences adequate to match the strength of aggressors."

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NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 30th May, 1940, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 13th June inclusive. By order of the Board.

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General Managers.

Hongkong, 16th April, 1940.

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By Order of the Board of Directors.

A. W. BROWN,

Manager.

Hongkong, 23rd May, 1940.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be HELD at the HONG KONG HOTEL, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, the 6th June, 1940, at 11.00 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th April, 1940.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 29th day of May, to THURSDAY, the 6th of June, 1940, both days inclusive.

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SEAMAN INJURED

Kwok Kam-tak, a 47-year-old seaman, was taken to Kowloon Hospital on Saturday suffering from injuries received when he accidentally fell into the hold of a vessel on a voyage between Kwangchow and Hong Kong.

HEAD OF £18,000,000 COMBINE IS TOLD HE HAS TO GO

SIR WILLIAM FIRTH, chairman of Richard Thomas and Co., Ltd., the £18,000,000 Welsh sheet, steel and tinplate combine, has been removed from office by the control committee, of which Mr. Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, is chairman.

His removal is believed to have followed differences of opinion on the managerial policy, but no statement has been made on this point at the firm's administrative headquarters at Cobham, Surrey.

"All we can say," Sir William's secretary stated, "is that Sir William has not resigned. He has been removed by the control committee."

Since the outbreak of war the firm's headquarters have been at Hatchford Park, near Cobham, a mansion owned by Sir William Firth.

The control committee was set up in 1938 under a scheme whereby Richard Thomas and Company obtained £6,000,000 to complete a new plant at Ebbw Vale, Monmouthshire.

Sir William Firth was originally chairman and managing director of the company and under his guidance the vast concern was built up. He remained chairman and managing director until August, 1939, when he resigned the latter position in favour of Mr. John E. James, deputy chairman.

LOST £1,000,000

The control committee, which has power to remove directors, consists of Mr. Montagu Norman; Sir William Firth in his capacity as chairman of the company; Viscount Greenwood, representing the steel industry; and Mr. E. H. Lever, representing the Debenture stock trustees.

Mr. James continued in the capacity of managing director until last December, when Mr. G. H. Latham was appointed to the position.

Sir William became chairman of Richard Thomas in 1931. In 1938 he told a meeting of the company's shareholders that he had lost £1,000,000, represented by the decline in value since the previous year of his holdings in the company.

The Ebbw Vale plant, which has been described as the most spectacular British industrial venture for years, was held up by lack of capital when half completed. It was then that money was held up by lack of capital when half completed. It was then that money was subscribed by the banks and the control committee was set up.

TO-DAY'S WAR PRODUCTION

The combine to-day is of great importance owing to war production. Sir William Firth, who is 58, began his career as a clerk and became the largest manufacturer of tinplate in Britain.

He has been regarded as one of the real driving forces in the steel industry, and it was in a very large measure due to his initiative and persistence that the £10,000,000 Ebbw Vale plant was brought to fruition.

There was certainly great reluctance to believe that the loss of Sir William's services by the steel industry could be good for the industry in war time.

"There is no justification for his removal. The people of South Wales as well as the city will be astonished when the profits for the year are revealed shortly," an associate of Sir William told a reporter recently.

"Sir William met the control committee and he was asked to resign following differences of opinion on management policy. He absolutely refused to resign and was then told that his services would not be required any longer."

TRANSFORMED DEAD VALLEY

"It is appalling to think that the man who made it possible to transform the dead valley of Ebbw Vale, with its thousands of unemployed, into a prosperous community, should be thrown out by people who have not the slightest idea what a depressed area means to the people who have had to suffer in it."

"Sir William Firth put his life savings of half a million pounds into Ebbw Vale at a time when he could have retired. He has the complete confidence of the employees and all the leading steel people in the world."

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HONGKONG GIRL'S MUSICAL SUCCESS



Studio portrait of Miss Cedilia M. Passos, who passed in her Teacher's Diploma Examination (A.T.C.L.) held recently in Hongkong, and conducted by Dr. W. Lovelock. Miss Passos was the only candidate in this examination in Hongkong who passed.

"OOMPH" GIRL'S ADMIRER GULPS KEY

NEW YORK.—A Nineteen-Year-Old lovesick youth who in Hollywood handcuffed himself to "oomph girl" Ann Sheridan and swallowed the key, complained of severe stomach-ache afterwards.

"Oomph," he moaned. And Ann, forgiving him, although he'd made her weep in public, sighed: "I hope he doesn't get appendicitis."

"L'affaire"

The handcuff incident known to-day in Hollywood as "l'affaire Dick Brunnencamp," was the sensation of a fashionable pre-view of Ann's latest picture, "It All Came True."

She was making a grand entrance to the theatre, amid the cheers of thousands of fans, when Los Angeles University undergraduate Dick Brunnencamp, wild-

eyed and panting, suddenly rushed at her, snapped handcuffs around his and her wrists, and then, with a tremendous gulp, swallowed the key.

Ann and Brunnencamp were led handcuffed to the theatre's first-aid station where the manager tried to cut the handcuffs with a big saw.

"You're saving off my arm," she yelled.

While Ann sobbed, Brunnencamp explained, "I have always been crazy about you. I only wanted to be near you."

A police car sirens shrieking, arrived at the theatre with a locksmith and Ann's bonds were severed.

She refused to prosecute Brunnencamp, who said fellow students, hearing of his handcuff plan, had bet him a dollar he would not dare carry it out.

After the pre-view, Ann invited Brunnencamp to dinner, saying, "He swallowed a key for me. The least I can do is to top the key with a pie."

Judge Criticises Peace Union

Blaming the Peace-Pledge Union for a youth's change of mind about military service, the chairman of the Manchester Conscientious Objectors' Tribunal said that had it not been for the union nothing else would have been heard of the case.

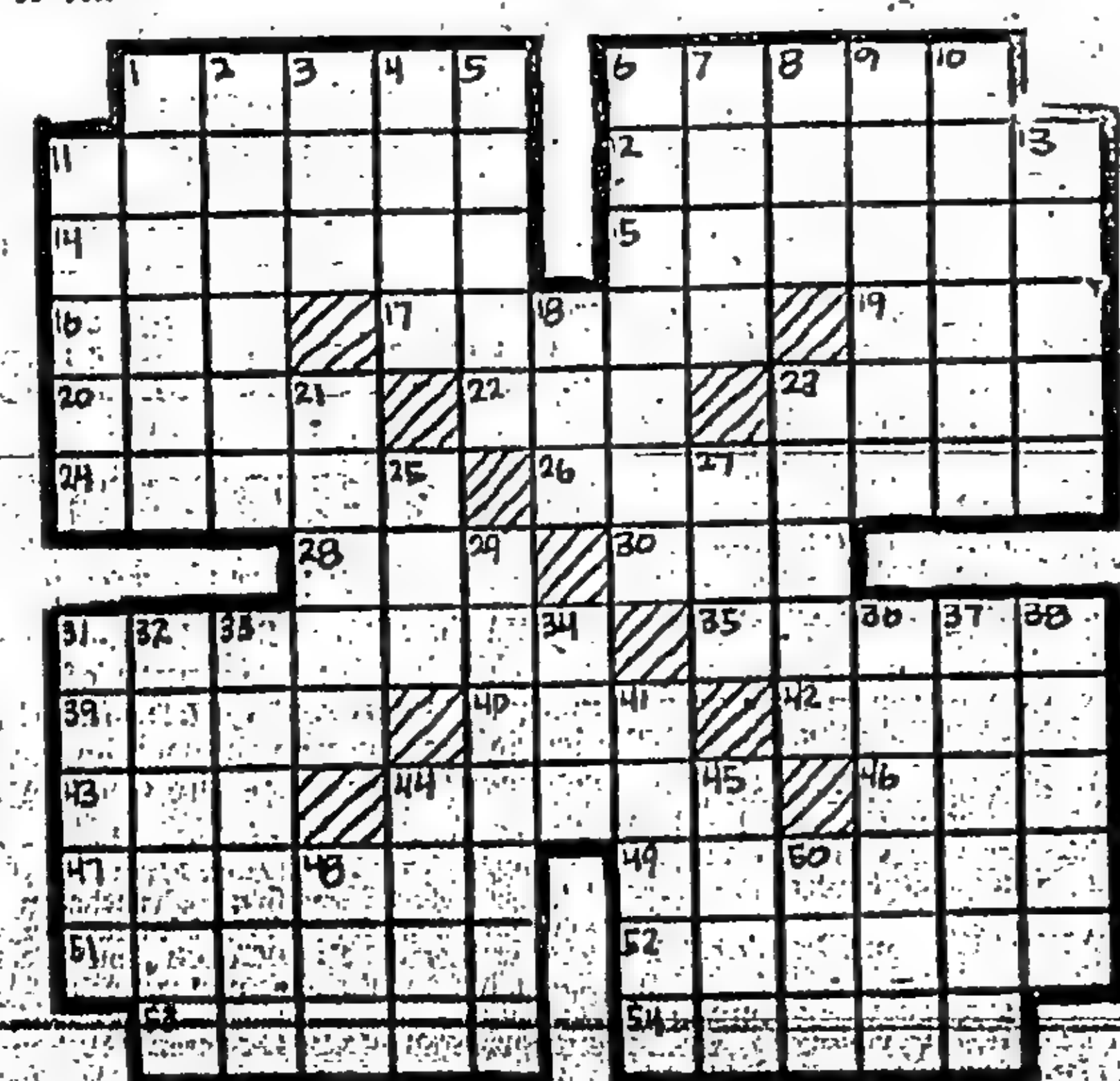
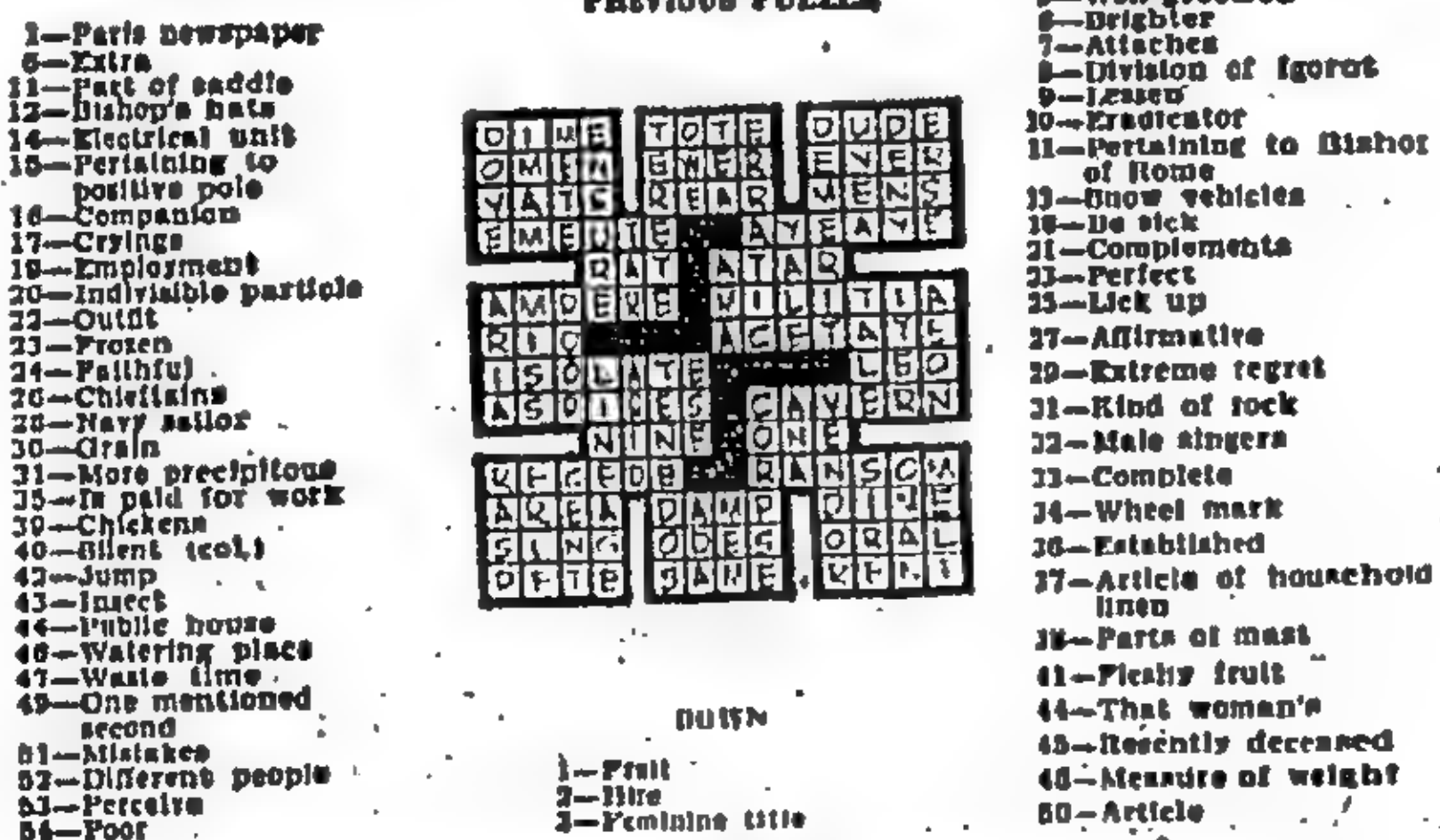
"The boy's appearance is due entirely to the machinations of the Peace Pledge Union," said the chairman, Judge Esseligh.

Situated to have signed the military register last June and in October to have requested to be registered as a C.O., applicant, 21 years of age, has now had his name removed from the register of conscientious objectors.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

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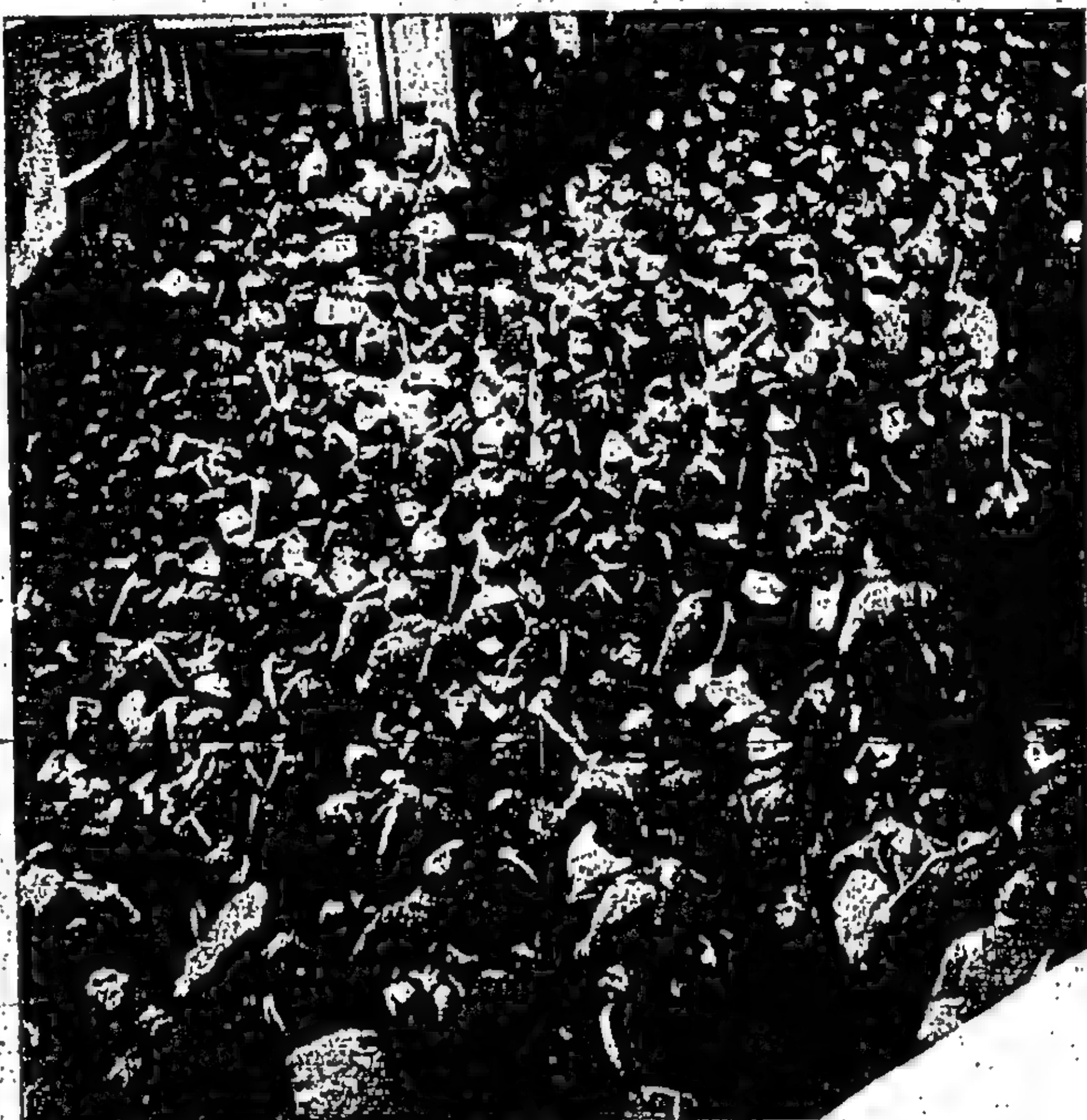


NO LONGER QUIET ON WESTERN FRONT

Air-mail photographs just received from Home show animated scenes on the Western Front as the Allies prepared to meet the Blitzkrieg invasion of the Lowlands.



FRENCH SOLDIERS moving up to the front lines. Disembarking from a train somewhere in France.



A LONG STRING OF FRENCH TANKS MOVING UP TO THE FRONT



BRITONS INTERNED IN GERMANY.—A photograph from Wulzburg Castle, in northern Bavaria.



A PHOTOGRAPH from French Flanders, where severe fighting now rages.

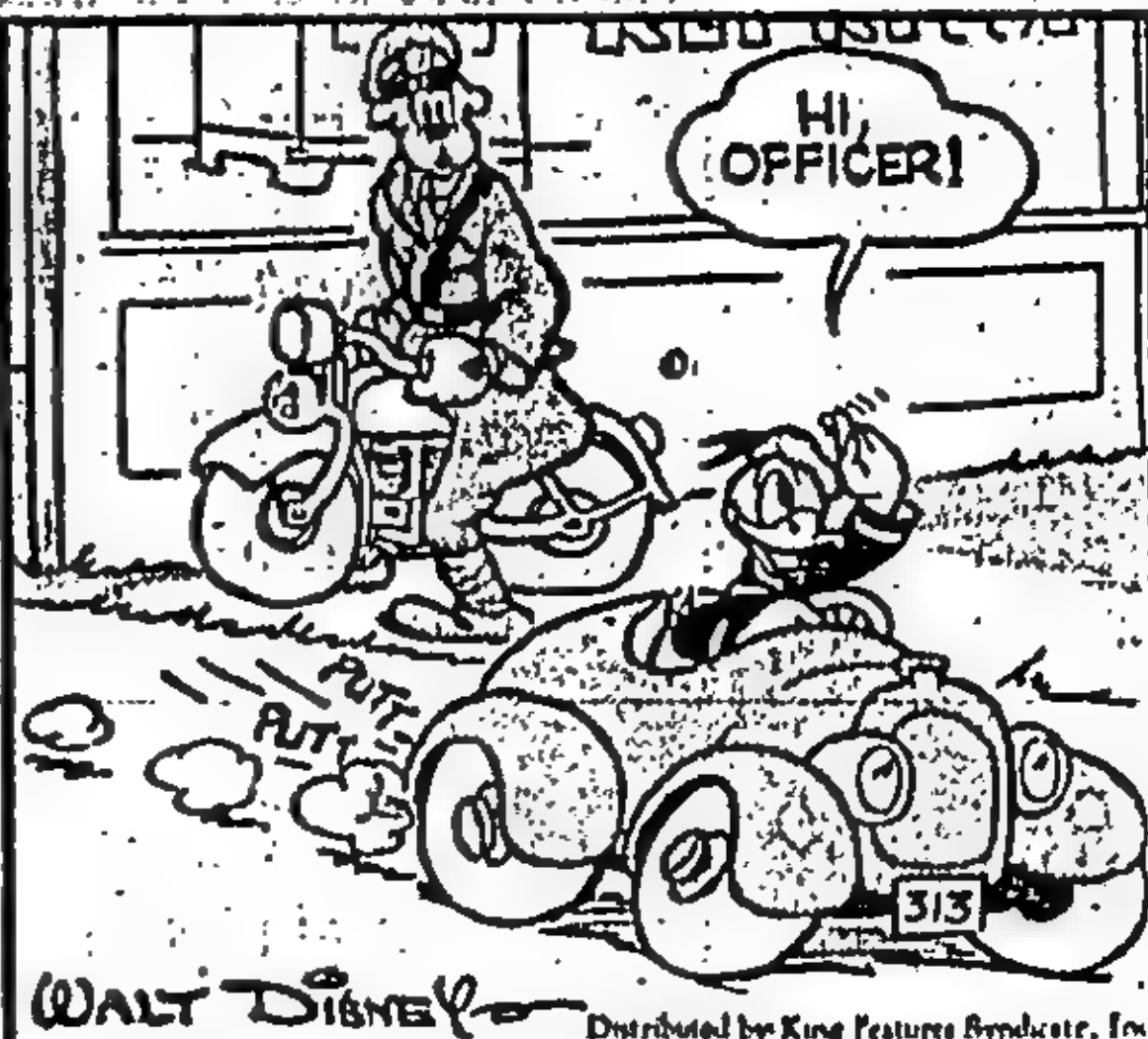
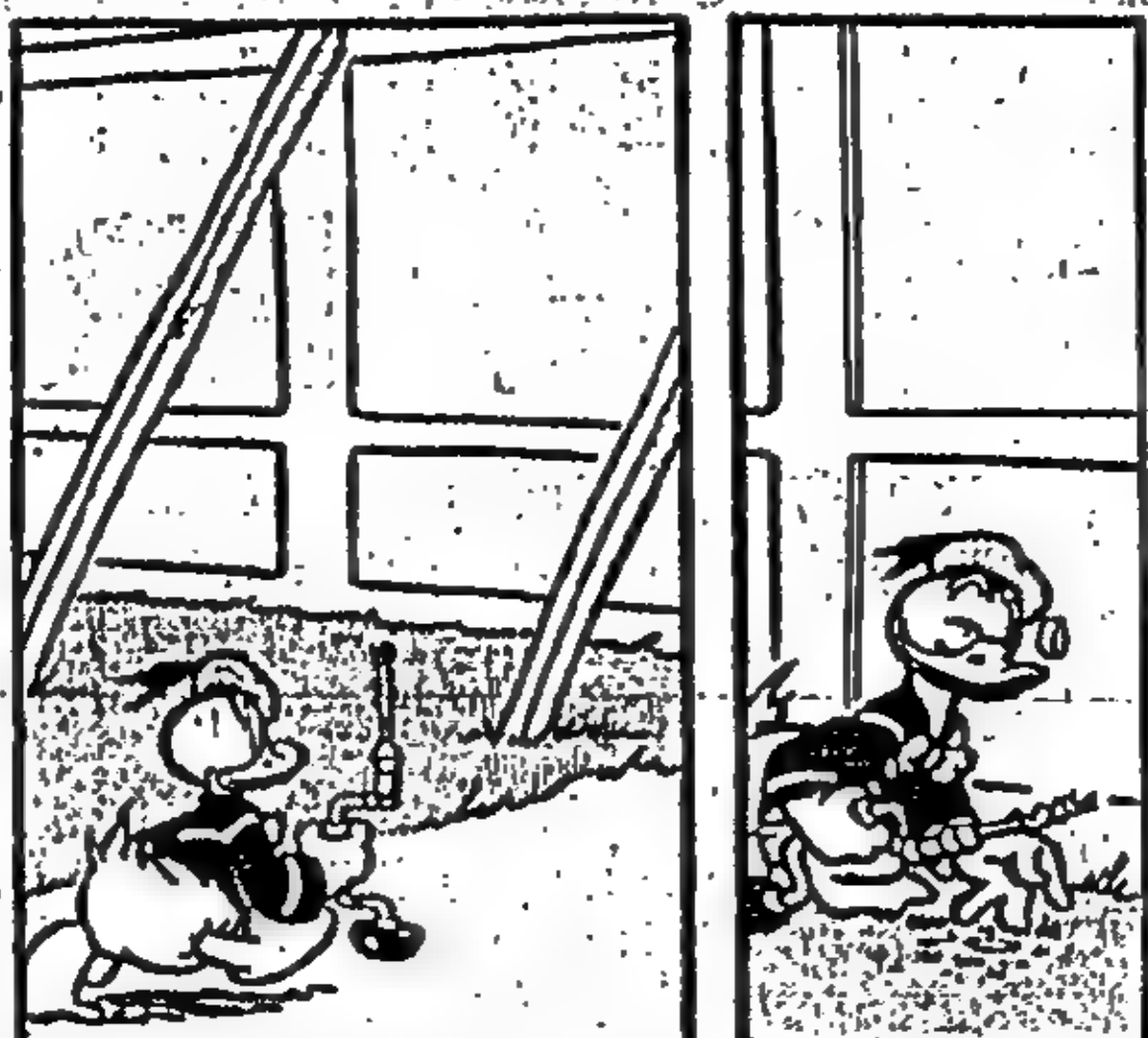
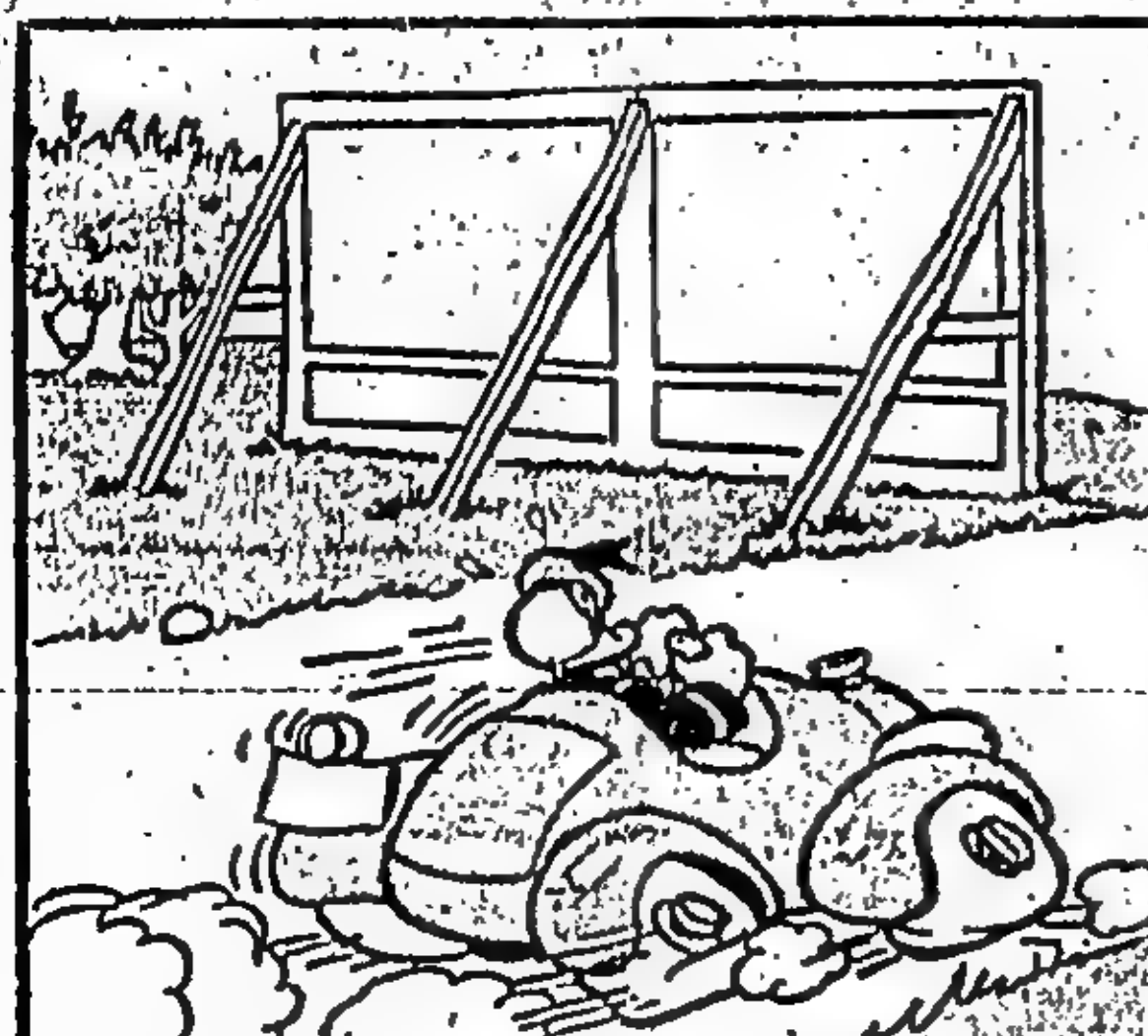
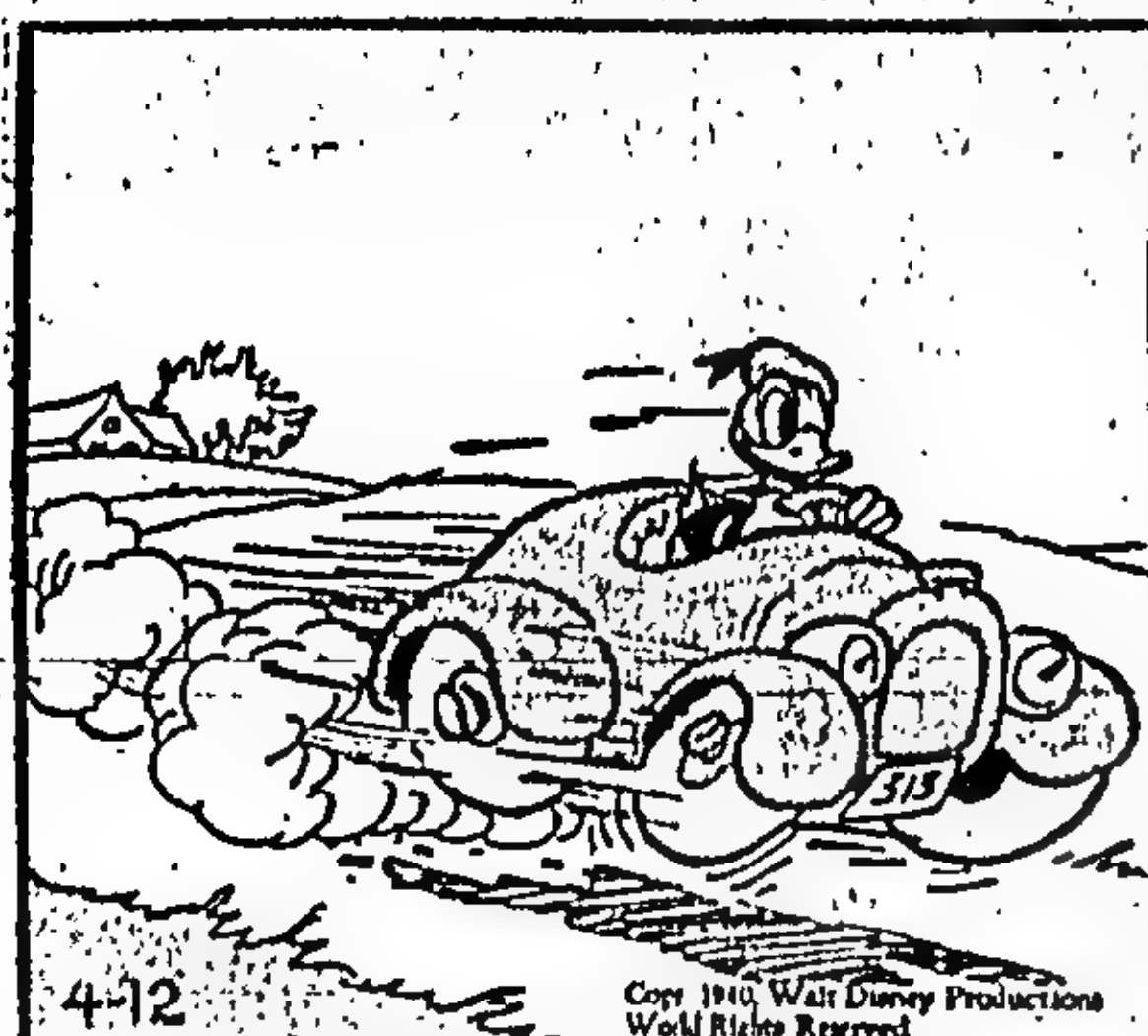


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(Craftsmen's Section)

The whole of the work entailed in the production of every entry must have been done by the competitors who will be required to make a declaration to this effect. Each entry must have pasted on the back a special entry form obtainable on application from The Hongkong Telegraph or from the Hon. Secretary, Hongkong Photographic Society. Subjects at the discretion of competitors.

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RULES

The following Rules will govern the Competition:

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- 4.—The right to publish any or all of the entries is reserved to the Hongkong Telegraph.
- 5.—All photographs entered must have been taken in the Colony of Hongkong. Photographs which have been already entered in other Competitions are ineligible.
- 6.—No responsibility will be accepted for non-delivery of, loss of, or damage to entries.
- 7.—All entries to be either black, sepia, or toned pictures, and must be mounted. Coloured photographs are ineligible.
- 8.—Pictures submitted in sepia tones should be accompanied by a smaller print in black and white.
- 9.—No picture to be entered in more than one Section.
- 10.—Mounts to be only white or cream; must be of one of the following sizes:—10x12, 10x20.
- 11.—No correspondence will be entered into in connection with the Competition.
- 12.—Members of the Staffs of the Hongkong Telegraph and the South China Morning Post are not permitted to compete.
- 13.—The decision of the Judges shall be final.
- 14.—At the conclusion of the Competition, entries will be returned to competitors on application at the Telegraph office within seven days.

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The B. B. C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Adrian Boult.

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8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 This week's programmes.

8.07 Gershwin—An American in Paris Suite.

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8.24 Songs by Turner Layton at the Piano.

8.34 Dance Music.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay—"I Believe in Democracy?"

Talk by Dr. A. D. Lindsay.

9.45 B.B.C. Recording—"Coronation Diary."

Written and produced by Pascoe Thornton.

10.10 Orchestral and Band Selections.

10.30 Excerpts from Musical Comedy.

11.0 Close down.

SNAKES SIX-FOET LONG FOUND AT SHEK-O



These pictures submitted by a reader, illustrate the enormous size of two snakes which were encountered on the Shek-O beach recently. They are roughly six feet in length, and of a greenish-brown colour with darker brown markings. One went into the sea and swam around for a while, but was killed when it returned to the beach. The other disappeared among the rocks.

Fell Into Pit Of Molten Metal

WHILE a furnace of molten metal was being poured at Parkgate iron and steel works, near Rotherham, Russell Starbuck Roberts (47), of Warren Vale-road, Wath-on-Dearne, Yorks, fell into the slag pit. Because of the terrific heat his limbs were unable to render any assistance, and late that night his body had not been recovered. Roberts was a married man with no family.

CONCHIES FEWER AND FEWER

FEWER conscientious objectors than ever were among the 314,430 young men of the "25" class who registered for military service recently at employment exchanges throughout the country.

The number provisionally registered as "conchies" was 4,431—1.41 per cent. of the total.

This compares with figures of 1.08 per cent. for the "23's" and 1.84 per cent. for the "24's."

The proportion registering as conscientious objectors has, in fact, declined with every new registration day since compulsory recruiting started.

The provisional figures issued by the Ministry of Labour were:

	Conscientious Objectors
England ...	267,547
Scotland ...	31,416
Wales ...	15,467
Purveyors of peace pamphlets were less active than on previous occasions. At most exchanges there were none at all.	

"There will be a lot of waste paper in the morning," was the only comment the officials made.

Out of Turn

At Crofton about 40 men who said they were unable to attend at their fixed times, as directed by the Ministry of Labour, came between 9 and 11 a.m. Five or six were turned away and told to attend as ordered.

A Ministry of Labour official explained that they could give no reasonable excuse for not attending at the proper time.

There will be another call-up later—the first time that two classes have been called in one month.

The registration will be for men who have reached the age of 28 during 1939, and will bring the total of those who have responded under the Military Training and National Service Acts to about 1,550,000.

Arrested Men Were Masked, Say Police

A STORY of masked men, one with a bludgeon and the other with a hammer, outside a Regent Street Jewellers, was told at Bow Street when three men were remanded in custody.

Gerald Fitzgerald (35), book-maker, John Reynolds (32), labourer, and Alfred Gordon (32) clerk, all of no fixed home, were charged with attempting to break into the shop of Messrs. T. and J. Perry and with stealing a car.

Detective-Marchant of the Flying Squad, said that while patrolling in a police car one morning he saw a large saloon car standing outside Messrs. Perry's shop.

Police Car Chase

One man not in custody was on the pavement keeping watch, and Gordon, Fitzgerald, and Reynolds walked towards the shop window.

Gordon wore a black mask and carried a bludgeon. Fitzgerald had a

Steve Donoghue's Court Dispute With Wife

Hard Up In First Year As Trainer

MR. STEPHEN ("STEVE") DONOGHUE, race-horse trainer and famous ex-jockey, stated in evidence at the Law Courts that he was "most unhappy" six months after his marriage.

He was answering a claim by his wife, Mrs. Ethel Donoghue, for £946 as arrears of maintenance under a private separation deed providing for Mrs. Donoghue to be paid £8 a week.

The proceedings arose out of a dispute of account. Mr. Julian M. Thomas, an American lawyer in Paris, who claimed £387 under a deed of assignment, was joined as a party. Mrs. Donoghue disputed the deed.

The Official Referee (Mr. C. M. Pitman, K.C.) reserved his decision.

"Steve" Donoghue, in the witness-box, said he last rode at the end of 1937 and was training in 1938. In June, 1938, he received notice of the assignment which had been mentioned.

Could Not Afford £8

Mr. R. L. Parry, for Mr. Donoghue, asked: Having been a successful jockey, did you begin to amass a fortune at once as a trainer and become, in fact, a "prince of trainers"?

Mr. Donoghue said he did not. He was very hard up in 1938. There was a time when he paid his wife only £5 a week because he could not afford the £8.

He married in 1929 and the separation deed was signed in May, 1934. About six months after marriage he was most unhappy.

He paid his wife's bill at the Palace Hotel, Escorial, Portugal, and her fare to America.

When he was informed that presents made to him as a jockey had been pawned, he redeemed them, together with jewellery belonging to his wife.

His presents included a little jockey in pearls and a horse not with diamonds—souvenirs of victories.

Did Not Know Mr. Thomas

Mr. Desmond Cassidy (for Mrs. Donoghue) suggested to Mr. Donoghue that he did very well as a trainer. "You trained horses," he said, "for Sir Victor Sassoon?"

Mr. Donoghue answered that he had offers from Sir Victor Sassoon which made him give up racing.

When he received notice of his wife's assignment in Paris he had red handkerchief over the lower part of his face and a hammer in his hand.

Possibly because of a signal from the "looker-out" the car began to move away and the three men jumped in.

The police car gave chase.

never heard of Mr. Julian Thomas; nor did he know him.

Mr. Parry asked the Official Referee to find that Mrs. Donoghue was in error when she said that though she signed the last page of the assignment, the initials on some of the other pages were not in her handwriting.

The Official Referee said Mrs. Donoghue said several things he did not believe.

"Somebody High Up"

Mr. Parry remarked that the jewellery pawned included, apparently, a scarf-pin given to Mr. Donoghue "by somebody high up," and that must be how it was he was notified when the time came for the sale.

The Official Referee said Mrs. Donoghue's jewellery, which her husband bought back outright for £140, must be going up in value every day owing to the war. It was one of the few things whose value was enhanced while the value of money went down.

Mr. Donoghue did his wife a very good service in rescuing it; she might get much more for it some day. This £140 could not be taken in account as against Mr. Thomas.

Boys' 200-Miles Walk

JOHN ERNEST ITHELL, aged 17, and a 16-years-old friend decided to walk from Liverpool to London, 200 miles.

It took them six days. Then they wanted to go home again.

At Brentford, a policeman told the magistrates that he found the boys trying to enter a "disturbed police station in Meworth."

They had no identity cards, ration cards, money, or gas-masks.

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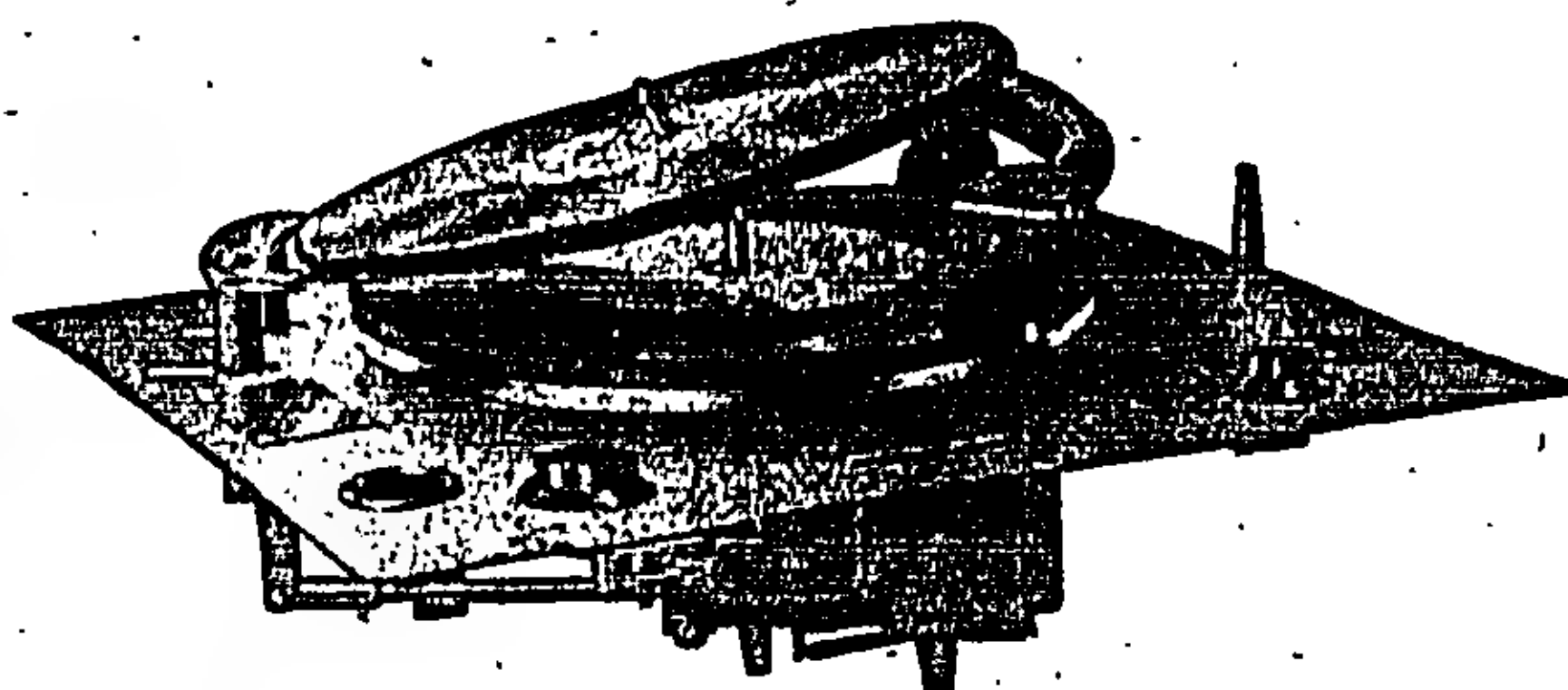
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GOMES. — Mrs. F. R. Gomes (Menica) died at 6.15 a.m. on May 27, 1940, at 2 Hillwood Road, 1st Floor, Kowloon aged 74 years. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5.30 p.m. tomorrow, May 28 (Shanghai, Manila and Macau papers please copy). No flowers by request. Donations to St. Vincent de Paul or St. Raphael Societies.

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"That Hyena"

Some of the frankest and most vigorous things said about the Nazis and the war have been uttered by our soldiers and sailor men. Politicians are usually restrained by long habit; fighting men see things as they are and are not afraid to speak their minds.

Major-General Sir Ernest Swinton is one of those plain speakers. He said that to those who had been writing to him in advocacy of an immediate peace, his answer was, "What! With that hyena Hitler? I mean it. He is a hyena and a hyena is a very nasty animal." As to approaching the German people, added the General, "It is the whole German race we are up against—man, woman, cat, and dog, and rat. The sooner we realise that in a matter like this war there are no 'good' Germans the quicker we shall end the war in the only possible way—an Allied victory."

As for the military situation as it has now developed, Sir Ernest quoted the incident told of that shrewd old Boer, Om Paul Kruger, after the Jameson Raid. Asked why he did not act when he knew of what was brewing, he replied, "When you want to cut the head off a tortoise you wait till he puts his head out of the shell." Hitler, said Sir Ernest, had been forced by events in Germany to put his head out, and in doing so he had committed a strategical error.

The General used yet another creature of the animal world to express his views. He said that the example of Norway might encourage other small neutrals, who had so far been covering like rabbits in front of a hot-constrictor.

Italian Threats

The change in the tone of the Italian Press since the Nazi invasion of the Lowlands is rather hard to understand. The only thing on which commentators agree is that it should not be taken at its face value. This assumes that the Duce is no more eager than he was some months ago to abandon the advantages of "non-belligerency." As for the Italian people, their dread of war leaves no room for doubt.

The lesson of recent naval events, coupled with Mr. Churchill's reminder to all whom it may concern, that the Allies are well able to safeguard their position in the Mediterranean besides the North Sea, cannot have been lost on Rome.

It is contrary to Italy's interest, as to that of everyone else, that Hitler should go step by step to European mastery. Yet the Nazis' invasions have been made the occasion for instructions to the Fascist Press to take a stronger line against the Allies.

We are asked to believe that the "non-belligerent" may come off his perch. If he intended to do so, the likelihood is that the change of status would have been accompanied by the utmost secrecy.

THE LATEST MENACE FROM THE AIR

By

Dr. LIN WO-CHIANG

WITH the large scale use of parachute troops by the Germans in the present war and their recent threat that for every German parachutist shot down ten Allied prisoners of war would be shot, the world is facing a new problem in air warfare.

The abuses, without precedents, of the parachutes together with questions of the legal status of the parachutists in this war, make a recasting or revision of our customary conceptions of the parachutes and the parachutists necessary.

This article is written more with a view to opening the discussion, rather than to expressing any final opinion, on such vital topics.

The time is not yet ripe to do so. Here I intended only to give a brief survey of the appearance of the parachute and the role played by the parachutists in the past; the employment of parachute in the last war; and the novel application of this apparatus in more recent wars which creates new legal problems.

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THE parachute was invented primarily as a safety device for air travellers, as such it may be regarded as the lifebuoy or life belt of the air.

An Italian scientist, Leonard da Vinci, is credited as the first inventor of the parachute. His design for this is found in his sketchbook, the *Codex Atlanticus* (1940), now preserved in the Ambrosian Library at Milan.

In making the plans for a flying machine and the parachute, he declared: "There shall be wings! If the accomplishment be not for me, 'tis for some other. The spirit cannot lie; and man, who shall know all and shall have wings, shall indeed be as a god."

Little did Vinci imagined 450 years ago that man, instead of being raised to the height of a "god," has descended from the air as a monstrous spectre, through abusing the child of his inventive brain.

We hear very little about the parachute until the coming of the balloons towards the end of the 18th century. The first recorded successful parachute descents were made by Lenormand from a tower in 1783 and by Blanchard from a balloon in 1797.

In the same year another Frenchman, Andre Garnier descended near Paris from a height of 1 1/4 mile. In 1802 he repeated the experiment in England, entertaining a big London crowd on the Volunteers' Ground near Grosvenor Square by dropping 8,000 feet.

Professional entertainers were not slow in utilizing the parachute to draw public attention and enriching themselves by their acrobatic exhibitions, after it had been demonstrated beyond doubt that it was safe to descend from a parachute.

Considering how rare was air travel in the last century it was natural that the function of the parachute as a safety device should have been usurped by that of public entertainments.

The "lady parachute jumpers" were a popular attraction at the county fairs. Thus it seemed clear that up to the end of last century the parachute was principally used for the purposes of entertainments and sports. Throughout this period the parachute had preserved its "cultural" character, using "cultural" (not "Kultur," however) in the broadest sense of the word. For I have come across practically no cases where it was used in connection with war.

WHEN the war came in 1914 the life-saving feature of the parachute was developed to the full.

At first it was employed in association with the observation balloon, to insure the escape of the observer in the basket from the burning balloon.

How often this was resorted to may be seen from the fact that during the Argonne offensive alone, the American observers made thirty parachute jumps.

It was said that during the War 750 British officers and 800 French saved themselves from burning balloons. The balloons were then favourite targets for German bombs and machine guns.

In the last year of the War, the use of parachute was extended to the aeroplanes to save the lives of the aviators. Usually when hostile aeroplanes met, one of the combatants, or possibly both, came down in flames or with their planes disabled so that the occupants were killed regardless of whether the pilots themselves had been hit by bullets.

The parachute was said to have been first adopted by the German air force. Captain Sarraz, a French officer, was the first airman of the Allies to use a parachute for saving himself from a damaged plane in July 1918. During the War it was also utilized subsidiarily with the aeroplanes in connection with what was known as the "airplane flare."

Major E. A. Powell, of the United States Army, tells us what this is: "This flare, which weighs thirty-five pounds, is contained in a cylindrical case of sheet-iron about four feet long and five inches in diameter. The flare consists of an illuminating charge, capable of giving 32,000 candle power for approximately ten minutes, which is attached to a silk parachute twenty feet in diameter." The "airplane flare" is used particularly for night-bombing raids, the aviators thus being enabled to illuminate the objectives so that they could accurately drop their bombs.

This was perhaps the most "deadly" of all uses of which the parachute had been put to, during the last war.

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IN the twenty years or thereabout after the War, we saw no more alarming signs than that the parachute should serve humanity as a safety device, until the craze of the Soviet mass parachute jumping projected itself before our eyes.

Those years were consecrated to the perfection of the parachute to insure the safety of the crew and passengers of the commercial planes, the cadets or students undergoing a flying course and similar peaceful purposes. The Irvin types of parachute, as it is to-day, is a comfort (because you can sit on the "seat-pack") and a beauty, when it is fully opened in the sky. The most extraordinary performance exacted from the parachute at this time was the descending of one approximately one hundred feet in diameter to lower a disabled aeroplane safely to the ground.

As far as training was concerned, the cadets in both the naval and army aviation schools have never been taught abnormal use of the parachute. Take the American courses of instruction, for instance. The students are usually given about four hours instruction on the parachutes: one hour in packing, storing and care; one hour in methods of wearing, and of leaving plane; two hours in practical packing and adjusting of parachutes. There has never been anything in this training to indicate that hostile use of the parachute was ever contemplated. But this state of things cannot last very long, for good or for worse, aviation is progressing by leaps and bounds.

Around the year 1935, the world was at first mildly startled on being informed of the enthusiasm displayed by the Russians in mass parachute jumping as a sport, in which hundreds and thousands of parachutists participated.

The surprise was soon turned into uneasiness, when it was next told that in one of the military manoeuvres of the Soviet Army, 2,500 men with machine-guns had dropped within a given area, followed by 3,000 more,

with parts enabling field-pieces to be assembled and in operation within a few minutes.

This spectacular and aggressive employment of the parachutes by Soviet Russia immediately found apt imitators in Italy and Germany, who tried to emulate her in the training and organisation of what is known as "parachute corps" with tragical consequences, as wars these Powers carried into Albania, Poland, Finland, Holland and Belgium, testify.

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AS far as I can remember, the so-called "parachute corps" was first used by Italy against poor little Albania, when the latter country was invaded. Then it was the turn of Poland to have a taste of the German "parachute corps" in September, 1939.

According to the description of a Polish army officer, who was an eyewitness of the German activities in the air, the German parachutists were dropped behind the Polish lines, where they proceeded to carry out sabotage work, destroy communications and signal to their own troops, usually in the disguise of Polish uniforms.

In January, this year, Soviet Russia commenced to use her parachute troops in her campaign in Finland. These parachutists, besides performing most of the acts done by the Germans in Poland, were, in some cases, equipped with short wave wireless sets for the purposes of sending back military information. There was no report of disguising in the Finnish war as far as Russians were concerned.

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IT is apparent that with these aggressor nations, the "parachute corps" is fast becoming an established institution.

It is no use shutting our eyes to the fact. Both Holland and Belgium came in for their full share of the bitterness and horror it is possible for combatant parachutists to perpetrate.

These service men have, through the abuse of the parachute, forfeited the rights hitherto enjoyed by aviators.

From now on, they should be mentioned or treated not simply as "parachutists," but with qualifying words such as "combatant," "fighter," or "armed" parachutists, when they are in the uniforms of their country; and as "spies," when they are found in disguise.

I have no doubt that a more fitting name will soon be found for these air effectives, enabling us to call a spade a spade.

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KEEPING HIS BALANCE

Nazis' 4 To 1 Losses In New Air Battles

BIG SUCCESSES
BY THE R.A.F.

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry states that between 5.30 and 9.30 this morning, R.A.F. squadrons shot down at least 20 enemy bombers and fighters, and put another 20 out of action.

There were only five British casualties. A continuous air battle was fought over the French coast between Calais and Dunkirk.

The pilots reported that "the air was filled with aircraft."

Troop trains and important railway junctions in north-west Germany and enemy occupied areas were successfully bombed during Friday night's extensive operations.

Attacking the aerodrome at Flushing at midnight, the R.A.F. caused considerable damage to the hangars. They dropped incendiary bombs which started many fires. These fires were still burning two hours later.

The bridges over the canal which links the Meuse and Rhine rivers were bombed from a low altitude and were badly damaged. Other aircraft were heavily bombed in north Geldern, a few miles from Germany.

A troop train and a goods train were destroyed. Ten machine-guns on the roof of the train opened fire.

A member of the bomber crew said, "We ran through a curtain of green tracer bullets and dropped a salvo."

The noise was deafening. We saw large bits of the carriages and trucks flying in all directions.

Railway junctions at Jemelle, Libramont and Recogne were attacked.

A large explosion followed the bombing of an ammunition dump and a petrol depot.

A train was bombed on a viaduct near Namur. A direct hit caused half of the train to disappear.

Many other convoys were bombed and machine-gunned.

Railway Junction Affair
The railway junction at Louvain was set on fire. The railway junction at St Quentin was heavily bombed.

Attacks were also made on marshalling yards and aerodromes in Germany.

One pilot, who successfully bombed an aerodrome in north-east Dortmund, reported on his return that he had seen a blazing fire on the Ruhr. This showed that another raid had found its target.

Saturday's Activities
On Saturday, the R.A.F. hit hard in a series of daylight raids.

The raids took place over a wide area and they also bombed pontoon and road bridges along the Belgian front.

Two hundred bombs were dropped upon a long column of supply lorries near Boulogne.

The main road and bridge over Lys were demolished and two pontoon bridges were attacked. One was badly wrecked and the other was badly damaged. The approaches to the bridges were blocked.

Large bodies of German troops which were massing to the rear of the battlefield in Belgium were heavily bombed in the afternoon.

Air Ministry Report
LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announces that heavy bombers of the Royal Air Force carried out further extensive operations against the enemy throughout last night.

Targets successfully attacked in the Rhineland included railway junctions, sidings and marshalling yards.

Many important objectives on the enemy's lines of communications were also bombed.

Dumps were exploded and supply depots set on fire.

Two of our bombers were lost in these operations.

Medium bombers operating from south Britain and France again made successful attacks by day and night on enemy armoured vehicles, ammunition dumps and artillery.

Four of these aircraft are missing. Severe German Losses

Fighter activity was less intense yesterday owing to the weather conditions, but some 20 enemy aircraft were shot down with the loss of four British fighters.

To-day over 40 enemy aircraft have been destroyed or seriously damaged while seven of our fighters are missing.

Week-end Speculation
In Rome as Chiefs Meet

ROME, May 26 (Reuter).—The question of peace or war for Italy remains the paramount pre-occupation of everyone in Rome.

Signor Giovanni Ansaldo, editor of Count Ciano's newspaper, "Telegrafo," concluded his weekly broadcast by saying: "For every blow that Hitler strikes against the Allies, we shall strike a corresponding blow in our natural sphere of action in the Mediterranean."

Signor Mussolini to-day conferred with Marshal Graziani (Chief of Italian Army Staff), the General in charge of mobilisation and the Chief

Air Raid Precautions Officer. He also saw the heads of armament factories regarding faster and more extensive production.

Mussolini And His Generals
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ROME, May 26 (UP).—In the presence of his Chief of Staff General Graziani, Signor Mussolini to-day received Generals Grossi, Guzzoni, Borgia and Rossi.

Lieutenant Colonel Piccinino of the Mobilisation Department of the War Ministry was also present. The conference discussed military questions.

SITUATION
ANALYSEDMilitary Expert On
Lowlands Invasion

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—

A broad analysis of German strategy and tactics in the invasion of the Low Countries was given to-day by Captain Cyril Falls, the military correspondent of "The Times."

Summarising briefly what had happened, Captain Falls said that the French and British troops moved into Belgium when the invasion began and took over the southern part of the main Belgian line of defence which runs along the Meuse from the French frontier, to Namur and then across to Antwerp.

The Germans launched a tremendous attack on the Meuse from Dinant southwards crushing and isolating the French troops at Valenciennes and leaving the British right flank uncovered.

Gaps Not Yet Closed
That gap has not yet been closed. To-day it extends from the south-east of Arras to Amiens. Through it German mechanised troops have proceeded to the coast.

Now what was the broad outline of the German aim? How did they set about it?

Personally, Captain Falls continued, he thought that the enemy expected the Allies to march into Belgium. He did not try to stop it. He carried out some bombings but not enough to interrupt the march.

The idea seemed to be to separate the British and Belgian troops and certain French units from the main French armies. Just as the Germans had already separated the Belgians and the Dutch troops.

The other part of the aim was to reach the Channel ports.

Hand-Maid Of Tactics
Captain Falls said that he was not particularly criticising our own strategy for our move was inevitable if we were to be loyal to our principles.

Strategically, although it sounds more scientific than tactics, was really a hand-maid of tactics.

The German plan would have been rash to the point of craziness if it had not also been supported by the power of assisting weapons and the system of co-ordinating them.

Their bomber planes, which have done work which the heavy artillery cannot hope to keep up, have been used to blast a way through which the tanks can proceed.

Only Tactical Defeat
Perhaps we should have realised this after the war in Poland.

We did realise it but we did not realise its terrible scale.

That is the black-side-of-the-picture. At the same time, the troops get used to any form of surprise attack.

Then too the great difficulty of long-range operations keep up the impetus.

We have had tactical defeat and have suffered reverse but the campaign is not over.

In fact it has just reached the critical stage.

Our hopes still lie in the fighting qualities of our land, sea and air troops and the skill and wisdom of General Weygand. We shall not be conquered even if we lose this phase of the campaign.

King Stays With Troops
Belgium To Carry On Her Defence

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—The King of the Belgians is in the midst of his troops and the Government is remaining with their Sovereign, declared M. Hymans, former Belgian Foreign Minister, in a statement to the Belgian news agency.

M. Hymans added that when the German attack began on May 10, the Belgian Army, which had been on guard at the frontier for six months, amounted to 700,000 men and all men up to 35 were called up in addition.

Large numbers of young Belgians, imbued with the highest patriotism, were now receiving military training on French soil, and as a result the total Belgian military strength would ultimately amount to over 1,000,000 men, he said.

Belgian Ministers in London
LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—The Belgian Prime Minister, the Foreign and the Ministers of the Interior and Defence arrived in London yesterday.

Here they were met by the Minister of Finance who has been in London a few days.

The Prime Minister, M. Hubert Pierlot, and the Foreign Minister, M. Paul Spaak, visited Lord Halifax, the British Foreign Secretary.

Ridiculous Nazi Claim
Raids On 'Dromes In England Denied

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—"Reuter" learns that the German communiqué claim to have bombed aerodromes in England is ridiculous in well-informed circles.

It is presumed that the Germans refer to the raids in Yorkshire and East Anglia which were fully reported by the Air Ministry.

In these raids no damage was done beyond that already reported.

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Massacre Of
RefugeesBarbarous Action By
German Planes

PARIS, May 26 (Reuter).—A correspondent reports that hundreds of refugees in Boulogne were bombed and machine-gunned by Nazi planes without mercy.

Many must have been killed and hundreds wounded.

Three destroyers came into the harbour and opened fire on German gun emplacements on a hill. The guns were put out of action.

While this was going on, women, children and wounded soldiers were being embarked on the destroyers.

H.K. Stock
Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

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Mercantile, A. & B. E. 304 1/2
Mercantile, C. E. 123 1/2
East Asia S. S. 73 b.

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It was declared that Hitler had ex-Raub S. S. 9.85 n.
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Humphreys S. S. 8 n.
H.K. Realities S. S. 4.20 n.
Chinese Estates S. S. 104 n.

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Trams S. S. 7.10 b.
Peak Trams (old) S. S. 8 n.
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China Lights (old) S. S. 4 1/2 n.
H.K. Electric (new) S. S. 5.94 n.
Macao Electric S. S. 21.10 n.
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Telephones (old) S. S. 2.64 n.
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INDUSTRIALS
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Powell Ltd. S. S. 1.30 n.

COTTON MILLS
Ewo S. S. 30 n.
Shai Cotton S. S. 2.10 n.

MISC.
H.K. Entertainments S. S. 7 n.
Constructions (old) S. S. 1.14 n.
Constructions (new) S. S. 1 n.
Vibro Piling S. S. 0.8 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 C.D. 45% 45% n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 102 b.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan 97 n.
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.) S. S. 10 1/8 n.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) S. S. 4 1/2 n.

**NEW ZEALAND'S
WAR COUNCIL**

WELLINGTON, May 26 (Reuter).—The Prime Minister Mr. Peter Fraser has announced the immediate establishment of a War Council to take charge of New Zealand's war activities.

The Council will consist of members of the Cabinet associated in the war effort, representatives of the Opposition, industrial employers, Trade Unions and farmers.

MASS NAZI
OFFENSIVE
IN NORTHBut Allied Lines
Hold Firmly

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—

The British General Headquarters have issued a communiqué stating that there has been no serious attack to-day on the British front.

The enemy launched a strong offensive against the Belgian forces on our left. The British troops have gone to the assistance of the Allies.

There have been heavy bombing attacks on towns in the back areas. The events of the last few days have not impaired the courage and resource of the British soldier.

One tank by itself to-day destroyed seven armoured fighting vehicles.

Saturday's Offensives
PARIS, May 26 (Reuter).—A military spokesman states that the German attacks on the Allied armies in Belgium on Saturday were full-blooded offensives in which artillery, aircraft and tanks participated.

In the attacks on Lys the opposing forces swung backwards and forwards but finally the original positions were fully maintained.

Attacks Complete, Fail
Two other attacks were also launched on fronts from six to ten miles wide. Both attacks completely failed.

A special announcement broadcast from Berlin claimed that an aircraft carrier had been bombed and sunk off the Norwegian coast.

Well-informed circles in London state that there is no truth whatever in this claim.

Nazi Onslaughts Fail
PARIS, May 26 (Reuter).—A French military spokesman said to-day that the British, French and Belgian armies have been successfully battering back enemy attempts to break through.

Weygand Confident
PARIS, May 26 (Reuter).—President Lebrun has signed the order dismissing many high Police officials in northern France.

Seven infantry colonels have been appointed temporary Brigadier-Generals.

General Weygand, the Allied Commander-in-Chief, is reported to be satisfied, confident and full of hope.

The price at which the German advance has been gained is stressed in Paris. The German losses have been three times those of the Allies.

New Nazi Lie Denounced
Cairo Paper Reveals What Happened

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—One of the leading newspapers in Cairo, the "Al Ward Al Masri," denounces lies broadcast from Berlin.

In the broadcast, says the paper, it was declared that Hitler had ex-Raub friendly letters with Imam Yehia.

"The truth is quite opposite," continues the paper. "Imam Yehia sent a message to Hitler asking him to terminate the war and to preserve the world from the butchery by which the Germans were shedding innocent blood."

Typical Nazi Manoeuvre
"Such was the real message. We are in a position to affirm that Hitler has not answered Imam Yehia's letter."

"This example gives some idea of the manoeuvres by which the Nazis try to make the people believe that they are supported by the Arabs."

The "Basler Nachrichten" to-day discusses the character of Englishmen.

"It is the peculiarity of the English character," says the paper, "that it only develops its full power in moments of great danger."

"The spirit which pervades the English people in all crises was well expressed by Lord Roseberry who said 'At the time of the greatest Napoleonic peril none thought of yielding or of the possibility of asking for peace.'"

"It is to be that this spirit is any different to-day?"

British Destroyer Sunk In Air Raid

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—The Admiralty announces that the destroyer Wessex has been lost as a result of damage done by enemy air attacks.

The Wessex was engaged with other naval units off the French coast when the damage occurred.

Six ratings were killed and 15 were wounded.

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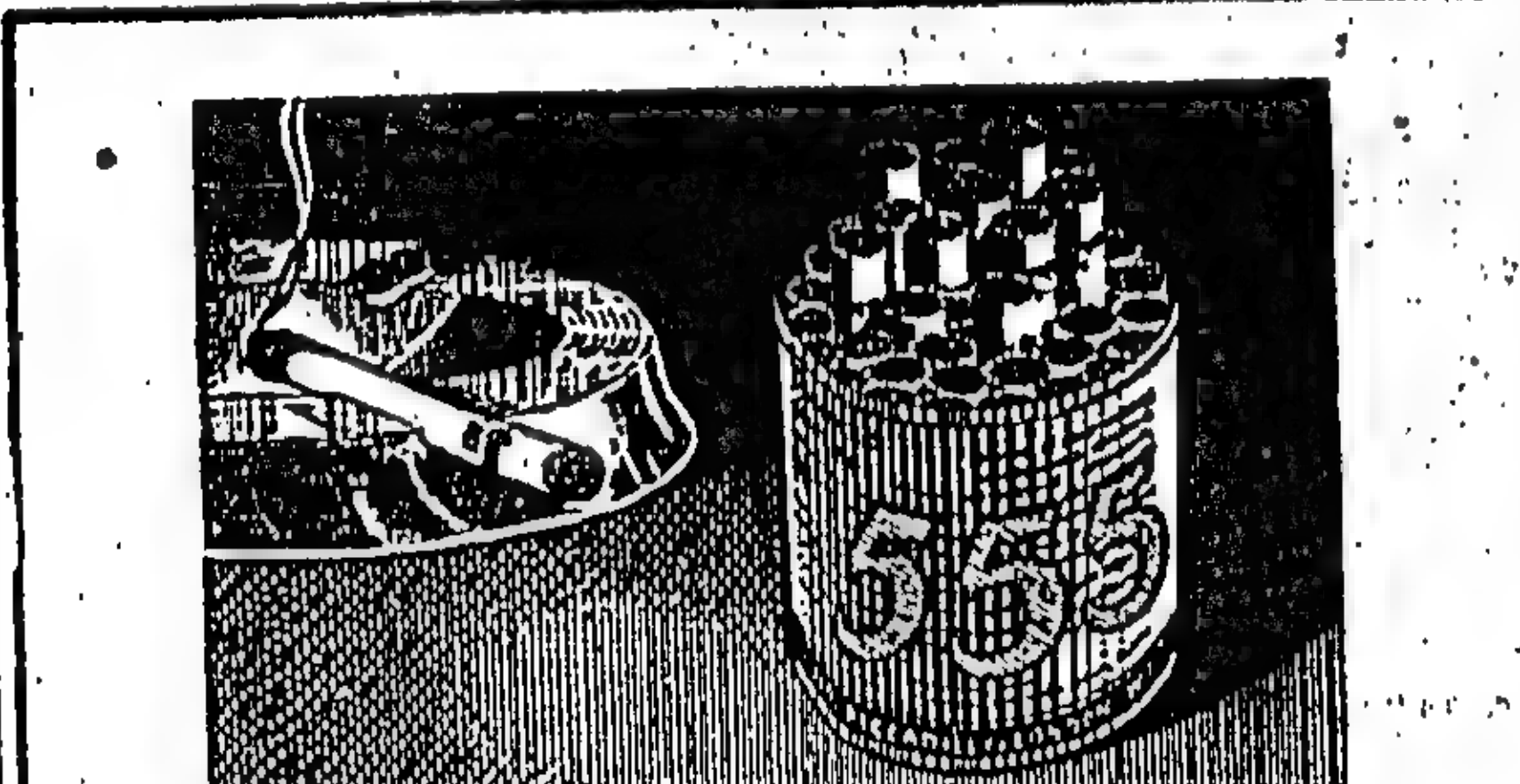
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CIVIL SERVICE SURPRISE LEAGUE BASKETBALL KOWLOON B.G.C.

"Possible" Recorded By L. Jordan's Rink In Third Division

THE ONLY SURPRISE result in the First Division of the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday was the defeat of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club by the Civil Service C.C. by 66 shots to 60. As predicted, the Indian R.C. were no match for the champions, Club de Recreio "A," and were beaten by 77 shots to 51.

Though it was expected that the Kowloon Cricket Club-Craigengower match would be close, it was also expected that the home team would have had the slight advantage, and the result, therefore, in the Valley team's favour was something of another surprise.

Winning the traditional bottles of whiskey, presented by Messrs. Gande Price and Co., for "possibles" and sevens, L. Jordan's rink (H. Spang, C. E. Langley and P. A. Peckham) laid claim to four bottles with their "possible" against B. Evans' rink in the Kowloon B. G. C. Kowloon F.C. Third Division match. Jordan scored this on the eighth end to lead by 13-6.

Two further bottles went to C. G. Silva's rink (Recreio v. I.R.C.) and to M. R. Abbas' rink in the same match. Silva finished with a seven on the 20th end to beat A. K. Minu 20-14, while Abbas recorded 15, seven on the 14th end when being led 8-10 by F. X. Silva. The latter won by 25-24.

CLOSE FINISH

The Kowloon-Craigengower match was the closest. E. Kern beat C. S. Rossetti 19-18, while F. Goodwin tied 22-21 with R. Basa. Kowloon had thus a one shot lead on the first two rinks, but U. M. Omar, the C.C.C. and Interceptor, slipped equal to the occasion and finished his match with a lead of three shots, the score being 25-23. At one period E. C. Fletcher, the Kowloon skip, was led 24-6, but with 34,32,31 crept up to 22-24, at which stage U. M. Omar laid one.

SURPRISE

H. Strange, winning 19-16, and J. S. McGowan, winning 24-20, gave the Civil Service a 7-shot lead as a result of the first two games against the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, and though A. M. Holland (K.B.G.C.) led F. Jones by 20-13 at one period, Jones scored 3,2,1,3 to take a 22-20 lead on the 10th. Holland proceeded to record a four, and on the last end, Jones scored one and was beaten 24-23.

The scores in brief were:

FIRST DIVISION

Recreio "A"	77	Indian R.C.	51
Kowloon C.C.	63	Craigengower	65
Civil Service	60	K.B.G.C.	60
Recreio "B"	70	Police	60
Hongkong F.C.	50	Kowloon	72

SECOND DIVISION

Craigengower	71	Kowloon F.C.	46
K.B.G.C.	64	Tai Kok	60
Police	53	Kowloon	60

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Home Football

Fourth Round Matches For League Cup

LONDON, May 25 (Reuter).—Several big scores were registered in the England and Scottish Regional Football Leagues today. Huddersfield beat Darlington 5-2 at home. In the North Eastern Section, while Millwall beat Crystal Palace 7-3 and Watford beat Bournemouth 7-1.

Clyde entered the final of the Glasgow Charity Cup Competition when they beat Queen's Park 4-3 by three corners. Both sides had scored two goals, but the winners forced 11 corners to their opponents' eight. They will now meet Glasgow Rangers in the final.

Blackburn Rovers beat West Bromwich by the odd goal in three in their Football League Cup competition. Fulham and West Ham being other successful teams.

LEAGUE CUP

Fourth Round
Fulham 4 Everton 1
Blackburn Rovers 3 West Bromwich 1
West Ham 1 Birmingham 0
One result not called.

ENGLISH REGIONALS

NORTH-WESTERN
Rochdale 3 Oldham 0
Barrow 3 Carlisle 0
Southport 1 Burnley 1
SOUTH-WESTERN
Newport 4 Cardiff 1
Swindon 4 Bournemouth 0

NORTH-EASTERN

Bradford 2 York 0
Hull 3 Leeds 0
Huddersfield 1 Middlesbrough 1
Huddersfield 0 Darlington 0

SOUTH

Millwall 2 Crystal Palace 2
Portsmouth 1 Arsenal 1
Tottenham 1 Chelsea 1
Sheff Wed 1 Notts County 1

SOUTH D.

Norwich 3 Queen's Park R. 0
Souths 3 Clapton Orient 1
Watford 7 Bournemouth 1

MIDLAND

Leicester 3 Coventry 1
Walsall 3 Notts County 1
Sheff United 0 Notts County 0
Notts Forest 0 Barnsley 0

WESTERN

Liverpool 1 Manchester City 1
Stockport 1 Manchester United 1
Sloke 0 Bradford City 1
Aldershot 0 Gillingham 1

FRIENDLIES

Brentford 2 Sheffield Wednesday 2
Northampton 2 Sheffield Wednesday 2
Kilmarnock 2 Aberdeen 1
Motherwell 2 Morton 1
Partick 2 Celtic 1

GLASGOW CHARITY CUP

Queen's Park 2 goals and 8 corners v. Clyde 2 goals and 1 corner. Reiter.

Swimming

"Y" Hold First Gala Of Season

THE FIRST swimming gala and dance of the season held by the European Y.M.C.A. on Saturday proved very successful, there being well over 200 people present. The programme of swimming events was comprised of handicap races, and was productive of some very keen competition.

The results were:

Men's 50 yards aggregate handicap—Heat 1: 1. Hunt (2 1/2 sec.); 2. G. Arnold (2 3/4 sec.); 3. J. Slayter (3 1/4 sec.); Heat 2: 1. H. H. (2 1/2 sec.); 2. J. (2 3/4 sec.); 3. J. (3 sec.); Heat 3: 1. V. Karpunich (2 3/4 sec.); 2. J. (3 sec.); 3. J. (3 1/4 sec.); Heat 4: 1. J. (2 1/2 sec.); 2. J. (2 3/4 sec.); 3. J. (3 sec.); Heat 5: 1. J. (2 1/2 sec.); 2. J. (2 3/4 sec.); 3. J. (3 sec.); Heat 6: 1. J. (2 1/2 sec.); 2. J. (2 3/4 sec.); 3. J. (3 sec.); Heat 7: 1. J. (2 1/2 sec.); 2. J. (2 3/4 sec.); 3. J. (3 sec.); Heat 8: 1. J. (2 1/2 sec.); 2. J. (2 3/4 sec.); 3. J. (3 sec.); Heat 9: 1. J. (2 1/2 sec.); 2. J. (2 3/4 sec.); 3. J. (3 sec.); Heat 10: 1. J. (2 1/2 sec.); 2. J. (2 3/4 sec.); 3. J. (3 sec.); Heat 11: 1. J. (2 1/2 sec.); 2. J. (2 3/4 sec.); 3. J. (3 sec.); Heat 12: 1. J. (2 1/2 sec.); 2. J. (2 3/4 sec.); 3. J. (3 sec.); Heat 13: 1. J. (2 1/2 sec.); 2. J. (2 3/4 sec.); 3. J. (3 sec.); Heat 14: 1. J. (2 1/2 sec.); 2. J. (2 3/4 sec.); 3. J. (3 sec.); Heat 15: 1. J. 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Ann (Aged Four) Does Her Bit For The Allied Troops

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

ANN, aged four, is ambitious. She aims at supplying the whole B.E.F. with cigarettes.

Then she will see what she can do for the French Army.

Anyway, Ann thinks she will be able to send a million cigarettes comfortably.

Six Uncles

Already she has sent 1,000 to her six uncles in France.

And she does it all herself—well, almost. Her mother sort of superintends.

For Ann, it should be explained, is the daughter of Mrs. Jean Rayment, of Kingswood-road, Brixton, S.W.

Fair-haired, snub-nosed, she dances and sings. And these are the talents she uses to collect cigarettes.

A.F.S. units in London know her well, for she is the mascot of at least one station.

Wearing her miniature A.F.S. uniform, she dances and entertains them, and then goes round with the hat.

What she finds in her hat she sends to a tobacco firm.

"Dear Tommy"

With the "smokes" she sends this letter:—
"My dear Tommies and Pies in France—

"I am going to sing and dance to buy you cigs. for Christmas Day. Then you can smoke your blues away."

"I'll do a fox-trot and can-can... with love and kisses, from Baby Ann. P.S.—I'm not in camp or the officers' mess, but doing my bit with the A.F.S."

Ann lives near a fire station, and it was the firemen's appreciation of her impromptu dancing that started the idea.

Her mother teaches her to sing and dance, for she herself was on the stage before she was married.

'KULTUR' IN NAZI CAMP

From J. SZAPIRO

Former "Daily Herald" Warsaw Correspondent

DETAILS have reached me of how the Nazis treated the 150 Cracow University professors who were imprisoned at a concentration camp near Berlin.

The facts were given by a man who has talked with a professor just released from the camp.

The Polish scholars, all elderly men, shared two halls with a number of German Catholics and several criminals.

They were given old Army uniforms with large letters and numbers on the breasts. Their beards and hair were shaven off.

The food consisted of a thin, tasteless soup, potatoes and bread.

Books and newspapers were banned. In a pathetic effort to drive off boredom the professors organised lectures and poetry recitals during their free time.

It has already been announced that ten professors died while at the camp.

Six others died in Cracow within four weeks of being allowed to return home.

They Just Could Not Have Done It

THE German Propaganda Bureau stated recently that during April 986,000 tons of coal was sent overland from Germany to Italy, thus fulfilling the contract between the two countries. The statement received wide publicity and was given in the British newspapers.

The "Sunday Express" has investigated the claim and found that it just could not be done.

To send nearly 1,000,000 tons of coal by rail from Germany to Italy during April, 100,000 trucks, each carrying ten tons, would be needed.

The average load of a coal train is 500 tons. Hence 2,000 engines would be required to haul the trains.

And 600 trains of coal would have to pass in Italy every twenty-four hours during the month—that is, one train every twenty-two minutes of the day and night.

Officials of British railways declare that, unless the whole of the Italian railway services were completely disorganised to allow the coal trains to pass, it would be utterly impossible for anything like 1,000,000 tons of coal to be handled in the time.

The Italian railways could not possibly handle a coal train every twenty-two minutes, he declared a prominent British railway expert. "Even though all other traffic was suspended during April and the lines

Scares U.S. Listeners End-Of-World "Stunt"

AMERICANS listening to a programme from a Middle West station, heard the announcer read this telegram, addressed to Jack Benny, the film and radio star:

"Your worst fears that the world is to end are confirmed by astrologers at the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia."

"These scientists predict that the world will end at 3 p.m. on Monday, April 1. This is no April Fool statement."

"Confirmation can be obtained from Mr. Wagner Schlesinger, director of the Fels Planetarium in this city."

Thousands of frantic residents of Philadelphia, believing the telegram to be authentic, flooded newspaper

offices with telephone calls seeking confirmation of the report.

They were soon put at ease, says the British United Press.

What the announcer had failed to mention was that the telegram was part of a publicity stunt in connection with the opening of a new exhibit, "How the World will End," at the Franklin Institute.

A few minutes after it had been realised what the effect of the broadcast would be, the radio station made an announcement explaining the facts.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

May 27, 1900. Major General Barker, our new Commander-in-Chief, arrived here yesterday by the English mail.

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In reference to the Report of Governor Des Voeux on the moral condition of Hongkong, the Christian Editor of "The Friend" writes: "The report is not the place in which to publish the loathsome details which are designed to make manifest the utter falsity of the Governor's dictum so far as 'moral' achievement is concerned and to expose the gulf existing between the British Government and sin in that island. One hardly knows how to account for so strange an incident, except as a result of that moral obliquity that 'calls evil good and good evil; that puts darkness for light and light for darkness.' 'Woe' is pronounced on those who thus mislead others; but, alas! how many of those who are misled fall into the 'horrible pit.' This sort of blasphemous twaddle is scarcely calculated to bring local sinners to the atonement of repentance."

The Queen to-day unveils an equestrian statue of the Prince Consort at Windsor, the Jubilee Gift of the women and children of the United Kingdom. The King of the Belgians and all the members of the English Royal Family will be present.

Mr. Morris, M.P., has given notice of his intention to call the attention of the House of Commons to the destitute condition of several of the survivors of Balaklava and the Indian Mutiny.

25 YEARS AGO

May 27, 1915. Reuter's correspondent at British Headquarters says that the British have lost no ground, despite the gas attack in the region of Ypres, Italy joining the Allies has been received with intense enthusiasm throughout the whole Army.

The hope appears to be unanimous that Mr. John Redmond will be persuaded to join the Cabinet, which will include Mr. Edward Carson. "The Times" states that Mr. Churchill will remain in the Cabinet.

10 YEARS AGO

May 27, 1930. Fears of an invasion by the "Ironside" troops, under General Chang Kai-shek, from the Hunan-Chang as their objectives, thus threatening the rear of the National troops fighting in Hunan against the Shensi-Kuomintang combination, resulted in a big military conference being held this morning at which the Nationalist commanders decided to dispatch three Regiments of Nationalist troops to Yochow in Hunan in anticipation of the "Ironside" invasion.

The "Daily Mail" has made a gift of £100 to Miss Amy Johnson in recognition of her feat in flying solo from England to Australia.

5 YEARS AGO

May 27, 1935. Prince von Starhemberg, Austria's Vice-Chancellor and commander-in-chief of the Heimwehr, announced to-day that he would dismiss all doubtful elements from Austria's military organisations.

The campaign is aimed particularly against the Nazi influence which have crept into the Heimwehr.

London's Nazi Camp Is Fake

BUT ACTORS KNOW 'THE REAL THING'

By A Film Correspondent

I FOUND an entire floor at the Gaumont-British studios, Shepherd's Bush, W., transferred into a Nazi concentration camp recently.

It was the first day of the film, "Gestapo," directed by Carol Reed.

One hundred yards of barbed wire separated the men from the women, among whom was leading lady Margaret Lockwood.

U-Boat Kidnap

She plays the part of a girl kidnapped from Britain and taken by U-boat to Germany.

Detail is being supervised by Herr "Werner Hardt" (as he prefers to be called).

Like several of the men "prisoners," he has had actual experience of the camps.

"Don't mention my name, please," begged one of them.

One of the black-uniformed, swastika-armed S.S. guards was carrying a German carbine. It bore on its butt the name of a Danzig factory and the date 1908.

Used In Last War

It was used by a soldier in the last war, and yielded up to the Allies under the Versailles Treaty.

Now it is a "prop" in a British film. The plot deals with a Czech inventor who escapes from the Nazis but is rounded up by their spies abroad.

Rex Harrison, Paul von Herrried, James Harcourt Naughton Wayne and Basil Radford are principals. The cameraman, Otto Kunturek, is Czech-born.

F. L. M.



STREAMLINE—Got an eyeful of Sonja Henie's new figure, as famed skating star poses at Arrowhead Springs, Col. She's recuperating from illness suffered on route from Hawaiian vacation.

SUBMERGED JUNK SEEN

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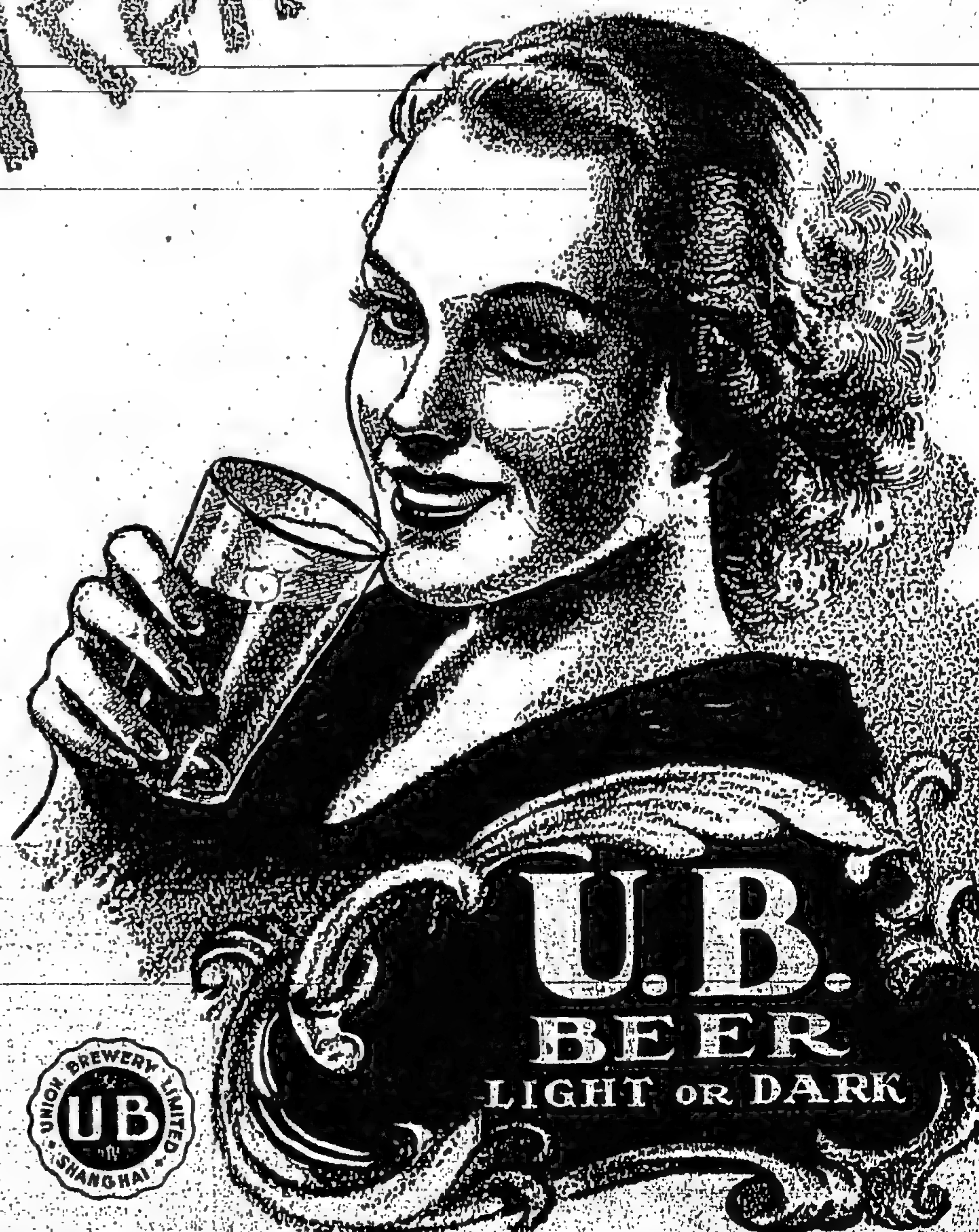
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Edmund crashed through a skylight, fell 20ft. on to a banister rail, rebounded on to a wall, fell another 10ft. and rolled down a dozen stairs.

He then wiped his slightly-cut hand and, after apologising for the mess, walked off as if nothing had happened.

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Japanese Planes Shot Down

Sequel To Big Raid On Chungking

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
CHUNGKING, May 27 (UP).—Two of the Japanese bombers which raided Chungking yesterday were shot down by Chinese pursuit planes, it was officially announced last night.

One of the Japanese bombers fell near Chienkiang, 120 miles east of Chungking.

An official announcement states that 100 Japanese bombers participated in yesterday's raids on Sichuan province.

Chungking Claims
CHUNGKING, May 27 (Central).—Two Japanese planes, and a heavy bomber and the other a fighter, were shot down over Chungking yesterday afternoon in a furious air battle.

The Japanese sent over 70 machines—the heaviest concentration since the start of the present "bombing season."

One of the Chinese pilots, Kao Yu-sing, was the hero of the day, he accounted for one of the Japanese raiders after a relentless duel. His own machine was riddled by machine-gun fire.

Kao Yu-sing shot down the Japanese machine over Shaochwanyingchiao, 64 kilometres south-east of Chungking.

The other machine which was shot down, a heavy bomber, met the cross-fire of several Chinese pursuit planes and came down in a cloud of smoke above the Chien River.

FRANK SPEECH BY ROOSEVELT

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Atlantic run, but insists that the Citadel is still held by the French. All Channel and North Sea ports are still in Allied hands, the analyst claimed.

"It is true that the Germans have continued to force new blinded columns through the Artois pocket south of Bapaume and have headed towards the north-east," the analyst said.

Numbers Exaggerated
"As these columns head towards the Channel they are attempting to throw their right wing behind the front held by the Allied armies of the north."

"The major question just now is to determine the exact quantity and importance of these German elements which have passed through Artois."

"A serious revision of the earlier estimates now leads us to conclude that we exaggerated the number of these forces."

"There are six times as many German soldiers lined up along the walls of the 'pocket' as those who got through, and the majority of the latter never got beyond Arras."

"It can be said with a maximum of certainty that nothing but blinded units have forced their way through the gap towards the coast. This explains the form the Allied operations are now taking."

"True, the situation has lost none of its gravity. The Germans are now simultaneously attacking the flank and front of our armies in the north and, at the same time, they are throwing more tanks into the mad rush for the Channel ports."

"This is possible because a gap still exists in our lines between Bapaume and Peronne. Otherwise, our front is continuous."

"On the other hand, to-night's re-examination of the situation fully permits feeling of confidence. Hence yesterday."

LATE NEWS

ALLIES HOLD UP INVADERS

FROM PAGE ONE

As an average while the French average is practically as high. In addition the Belgian, Dutch, Polish and Czech air forces are in action.

The Czechs alone claim to have bagged 11 Messerschmitts.

At this stage of the operations, the French military analyst to-day concluded that Hitler is using 110 divisions between the North Sea and the Swiss frontier but only five armies are in action in the battle of Flanders and in Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg.

At the same time Germany's total army strength is set at 200 divisions of which the value of nearly half is considered to be mediocre because the troops are either over age or untrained.

This German army has been expanded rapidly from 21 normal divisions in 1934.

It is now known that 1935 saw four other divisions created, of which another was blinded. In 1936 six normal and one blinded divisions were formed. In the succeeding years 8.6 and 8 normal divisions plus 40 reserve divisions were formed and last September 40 Landwehr divisions were created by general mobilisation and 60 training divisions were set up to serve as depot divisions and for the instruction of conscripts.

Nazi Reinforcements
The official French War Office analyst reported to-night that the German High Command had withdrawn divisions from the Swiss frontier and from the Siegfried Line itself to throw into the Battle of Flanders in an effort to prevent the Allies closing the gap at Artois.

The arrival of these fresh troops to reinforce the very tired Germans, who have been in continuous action for 17 days without a break and with only tinned food and almost no sleep, was felt chiefly along the northern edge of the pocket, along the Lys and Escourt rivers.

It was there that the Germans hammered the Allies most of to-day and yesterday.

Nazis Completely Checked
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
PARIS, May 26 (UP).—According to a high French military source, the Allies have met with considerable defensive success as a result of last night's battle.

The German advance in the north has been completely checked with heavy losses to the enemy.

The Belgian Army thwarted three German attacks on Courtrai.

It has been confirmed that the French still hold Boulogne and Calais. Heavy fighting is in progress south of these Channel ports.

"TELEGRAPH'S" WAR MAP

As a correspondent has kindly pointed out, the full page map of the Western Front reproduced on the "Telegraph" on Saturday has incorrect boundaries.

Inasmuch as Alsace and Lorraine are shown inside Germany instead of being French territory.

The map, with certain modifications, was based on a large-scale map of the fighting zones in the World War, before Alsace and Lorraine reverted to their Motherland. Our processing department omitted to make the necessary modification in this sector.

Readers who are retaining the copies as published on Saturday, or those who intend to purchase additional art paper copies (which are on sale at 30 cents each) are requested to note this discrepancy. At the same time the "Telegraph" apologises to its many French friends.

PROCESSION OF CAR CRASHES

A procession of four cars proceeding along Castle Peak Road yesterday morning provided a chapter of accidents which formed the subject of a police report this morning.

When the first car stopped suddenly near the nine-mile stone, the drivers of the following vehicles were unable, according to the report to the police, to pull up in time.

The second car in the line was driven by Mrs. Poole, of Kennedy Town. She pulled up without hitting the front vehicle, but the third car, driven by Mr. L. Skinner, of the Telephone Company, crashed into the rear of Mrs. Poole's car.

A fourth car, driven by Mr. Medhurst, crashed into Mr. Skinner's car. No one was injured in the series of mishaps.

MINESWEEPING TRAWLER SUNK

LONDON, May 26 (British Wireless).—The Secretary of the Admiralty announces that H.M. minesweeping trawler Charles Boyes has been sunk by an enemy mine.

The Commanding Officer, one Officer and 13 ratings are missing and it is feared that they have lost their lives.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued 12.30 p.m. Saturday says:

Conditions remain unchanged.

Buyers Sellers Sales
H.K. Bank \$1.50
Union Ins \$1.00
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Story Of Nazi Warship's Fate

WHEN the submarine Spearfish attacked the Admiral Scheer, Germany's crack pocket battleship listed immediately.

Our underwater men had made a direct hit.

That was the news they told when they came home to a British port.

Lieut.-Commander John Hay Forbes spotted the big ship and ordered the attack, told his men they had scored a hit as three destroyers escorting the battleship bore down on them, writes a correspondent.

"We cheered like mad," they said. Ever since the beginning of war they had been waiting to see the German Navy, and suddenly they found they were in the middle of it.

They cracked open the Scheer. But at the time they did not know what they had been firing at. "We knew five minutes later," they said, "and we knew we would be in for trouble."

The Fun Began
The destroyers came after them, two forward, one aft. Then the "fun" began.

Depth charges were dropped. Commander Forbes ticked them off on a sheet.

None of them hit. So to-day the crew of the Spearfish came back to land with all on their faces and soft beards growing on their chins.

There is no time to shave, or even eat in a battle like this. They looked as if they had been on a desert island. "Anyway, no one sees us but the fish," they chuckled.

"Oh, the Scheer was a lovely sight, a lovely picture," they said. "But she wasn't so lovely when she listed. When we got her we felt we had got a bit of our own back."

Commander Forbes went to see his wife and two children in their house at the edge of the sea nearby. Mrs. Forbes had not worried. "That doesn't seem to help," she said. "The only thing to do is to wait for him to come in at the gate."

"Torpedoed Her All Right"
I asked Charles, Commander Forbes's nine-year-old son, if he was glad to see his father back.

"Yes, I am," he said. "You mean I am," said an elder girl.

"Well, I'm glad," said Charles. Commander Forbes could hardly keep his eyes open. "We torpedoed the Scheer all right," he said. "I thought she had gone. She was going over when we were forced down."

He had come off the Spearfish shaven, brushed and immaculate.

"My men were grand," he said. "They enjoyed it. It was work that the Navy's been looking for for a long time. They've been eager for action."

This was his first trip as commander of the Spearfish.

"And I could not have hoped for a better one," he said.

He Seals His Letters In Chinese

"Joy Guest" Is Englishman's Name

THERE is one Englishman in London who seals his letters with his name in Chinese.

He is Mr. Robert Hart Maze, formerly an officer in the Chinese Customs Inspectorate, and a nephew of Sir Robert Hart, the celebrated head of the Chinese Customs Service. He is now retired, and lives in Norwood.

Mr. Hart Maze's Chinese name, bestowed on him by his uncle, is transliterated Mei Le Pin. Mei is the surname, Le means because it approximates to Maze. Le means "Joy" and Pin "A guest." The name is regarded as particularly lucky by the Chinese people, for everyone is delighted to have joy as a guest.

NAZI BLITZKRIEG

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PARACHUTISTS OBLITERATED

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—A wounded soldier who has just returned from the front tells how his unit turned Bren machine-guns on German parachutists as they floated down.

A score of them were dead before they hit the ground.

"I saw a dozen in women's clothes," he said. "We got them all."

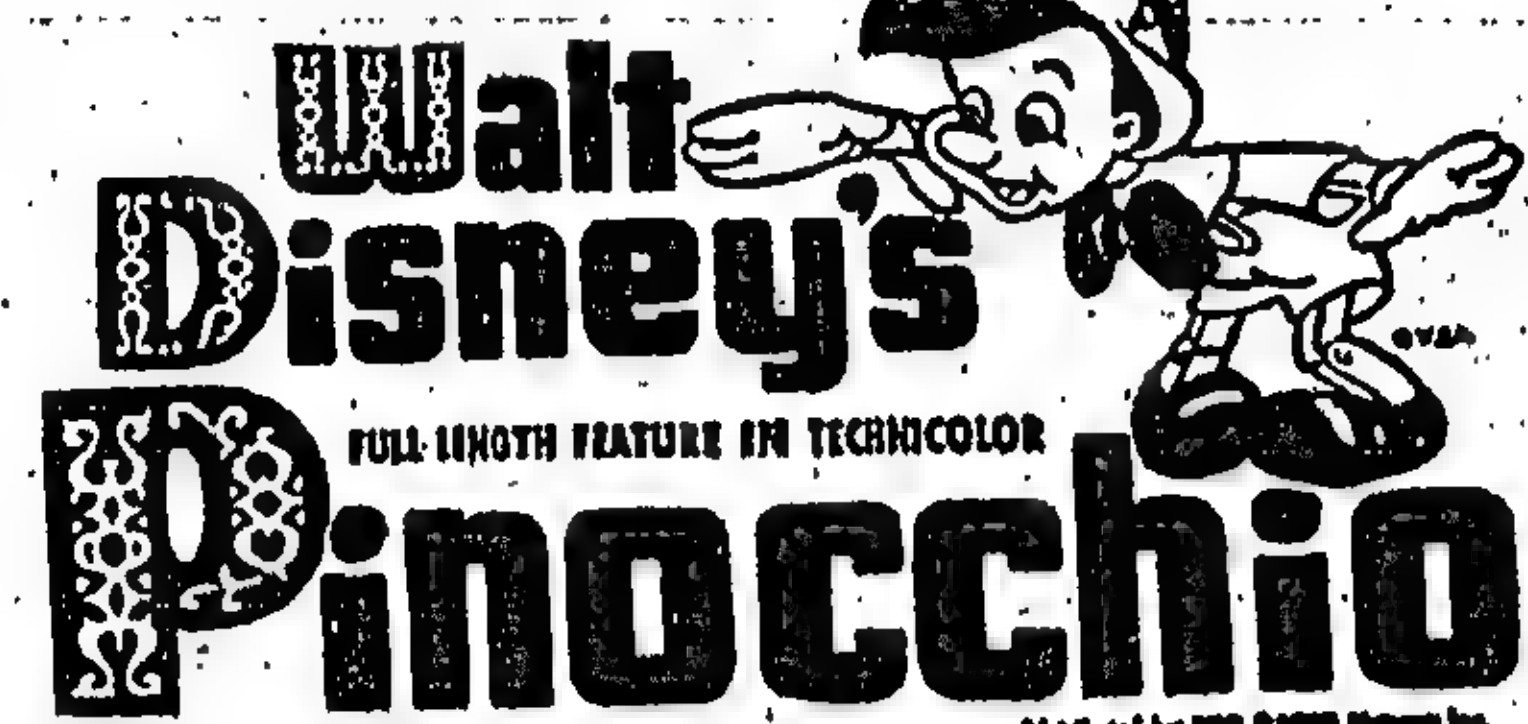
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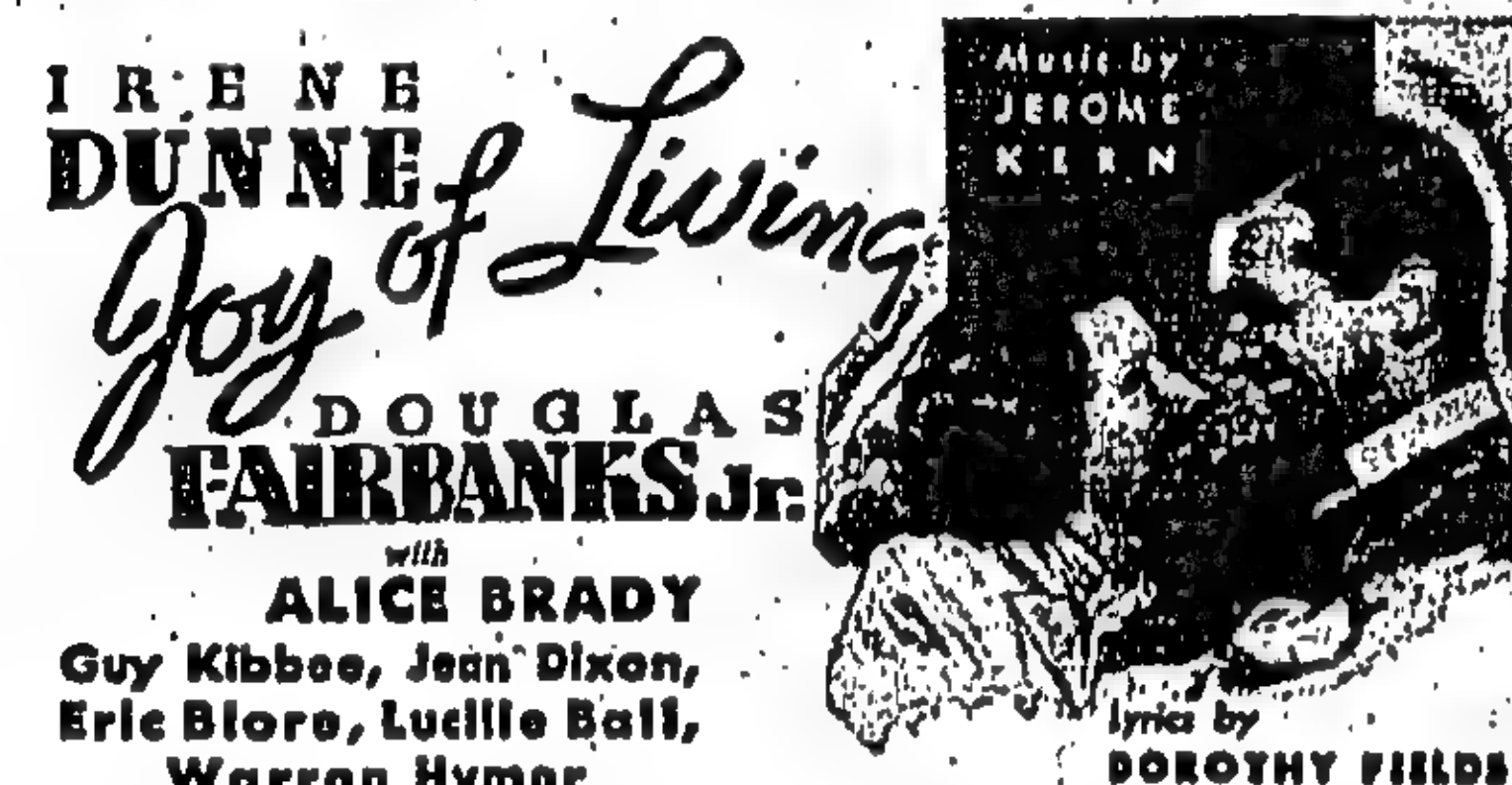
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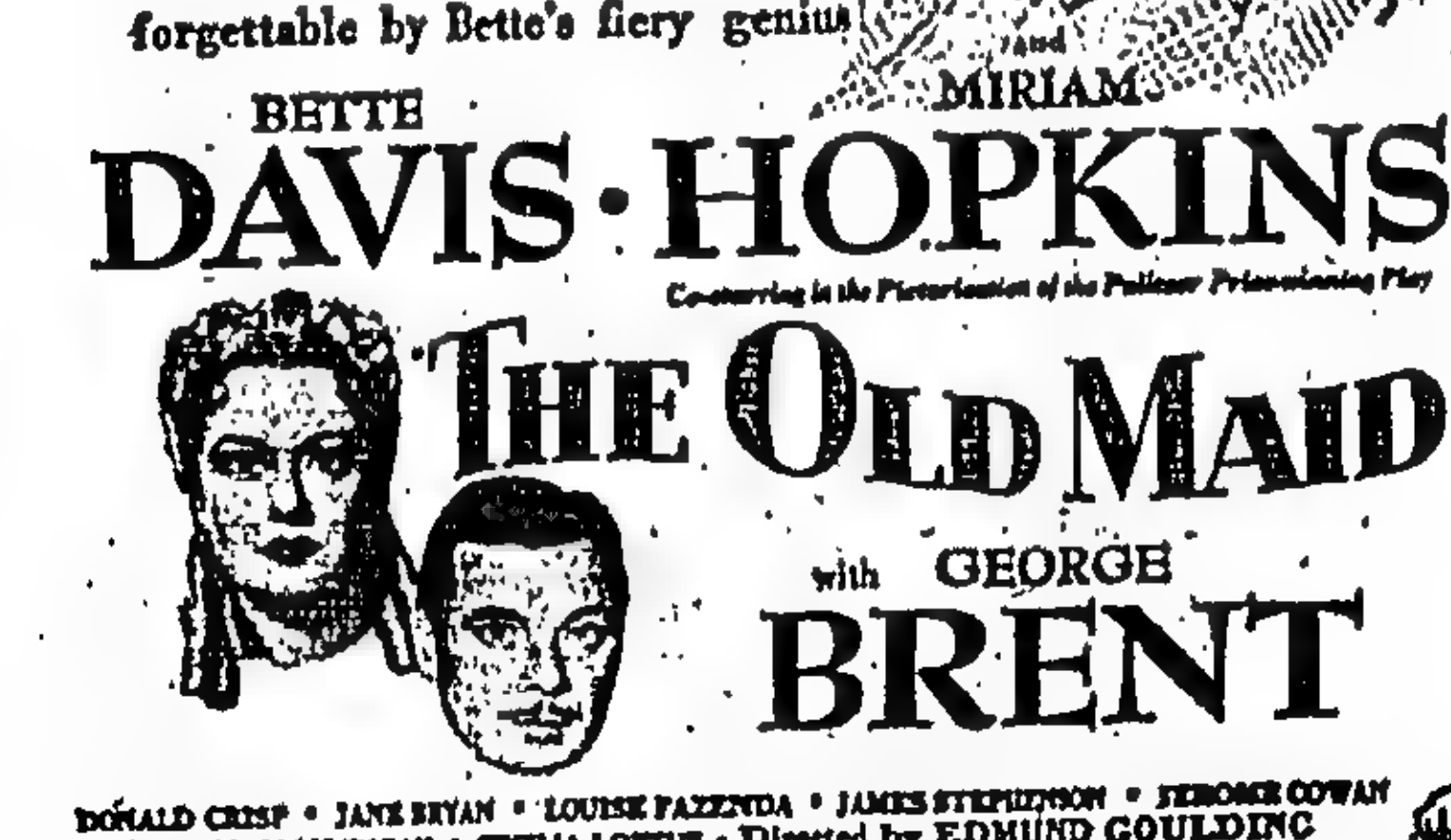
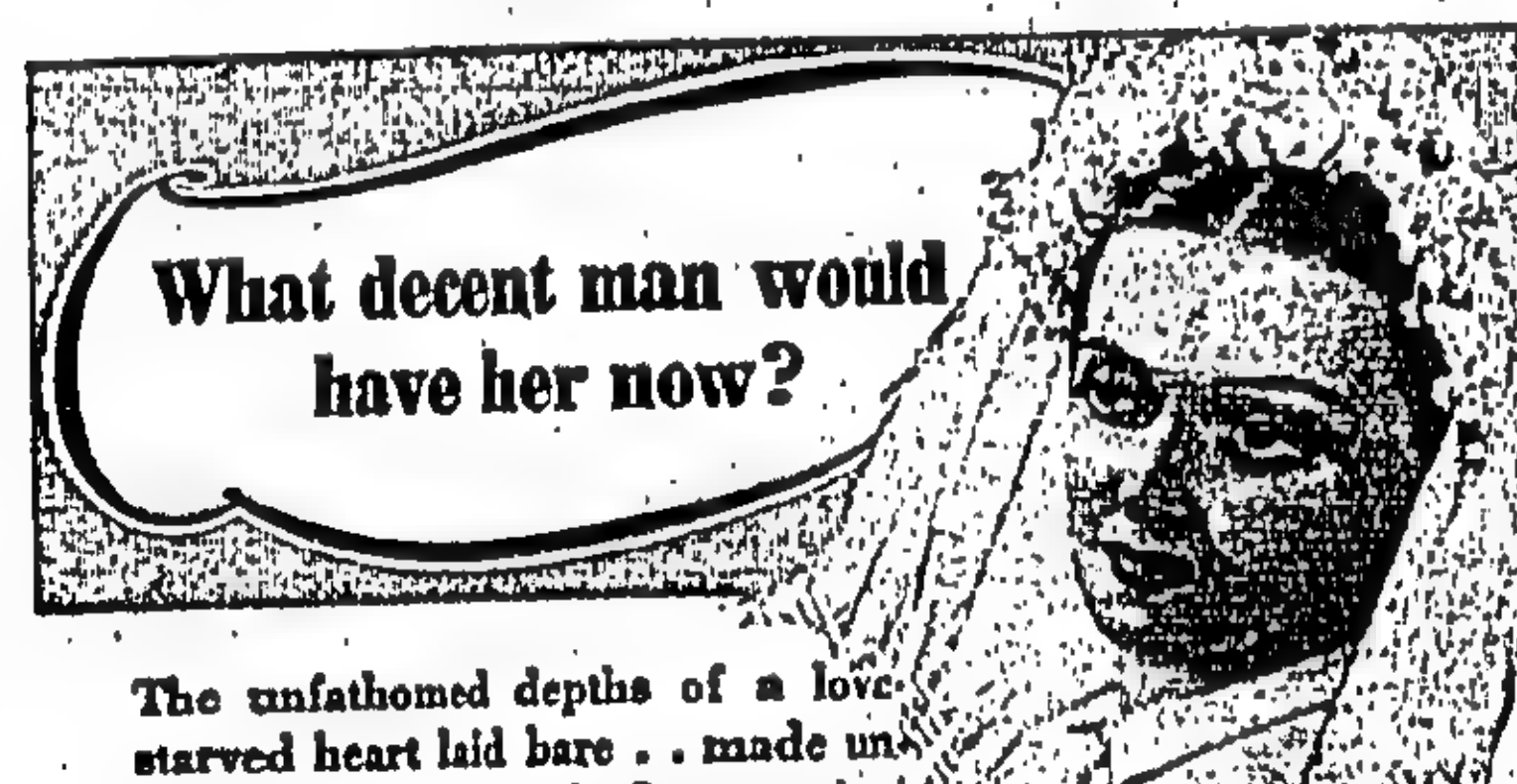
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CENTRE OF INTEREST SHIFTS SUDDENLY TO
BELGIAN FRONTIER AS NEW TACTICS REVEALED

Germans strike northwards in new drive to circle allies

THE BLINDED DIVISIONS (PANZER MECHANISED UNITS) OF THE GERMAN FORCES WHICH HITHERTO HAVE BEEN PUSHING THROUGH THE BREACH AT ARRAS TOWARDS THE CHANNEL HAVE SUDDENLY SWERVED NORTHWARDS BEYOND ARRAS.

The manoeuvre is clearly designed, says a "United Press" message from Paris, to turn the right flank of the Dutch, Belgian, British and French forces in the north and to attempt to encircle in a new pocket a section of these troops before they can effect any juncture with the crack French forces who are holding the southern lines.



NAZI BLITZKRIEG COMPLETELY HELD

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, May 26 (UP).—For three days Hitler's great blitzkrieg machine has hurled itself against the greatest defensive wall of man-power and steel the world has known in a fruitless effort to break through the cordon General Weygand is slowly but surely drawing around the "bulge."

The Allies last night, after further counter-attacks had succeeded in taking back all the terrain lost during the past 72 hours, were almost identical with the positions held last Thursday.

The Blitzkrieg, which started on May 11 with the invasion of the Lowlands and Luxembourg, has been completely stalled after 14 days of fighting.

Compare this achievement on the part of the Allies with the last war, when the Kaiser's war machine was not halted until 28 days had elapsed and the enemy had reached the very gates of Paris and the Channel.

Hitler's commanders are making desperate and suicidal efforts to continue the advance and avoid the situation of trench warfare. In 48 hours, the German losses, as more and more men have been thrown into the battle with a reckless disregard for life, are computed to have exceeded the total for the entire 18 days previously.

French troops have been thrown in

to battle in mass formation in the effort to break the stalemate and continue the blitzkrieg. But Allied artillery and warplanes have raked these German reinforcements with shell and bomb on a scale never before witnessed in battle. Yesterday's unofficial reports that the Allied forces operating in the north had made contact with the French forces in the south and so closed the gap were premature, and there was no progress in shutting the gap yesterday.

French Army Digs In But the French army in the south has dug in along the Somme and has developed its bridgeheads at Amiens, Ham and Peronne, permitting additional pressure against the thin German lines to the coast. In an attempt to widen the dangerously narrow gap through which their mechanised units are pouring to the

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According to Berlin reports, these Panzer Divisions claim to have reached Bethune and La Bassée, via Lens, in their drive to the north.

On Vimy Ridge

A further Paris message admits that the Germans might be able to claim local successes at Courtrai, Valenciennes and Arras, and the Germans appear to have planted their forces on the Vimy Ridge, the great grim hill which dominates the plain of Douai and the confluence of Lens and which was the scene of such bloody fighting in the last war.

Simultaneously the German forces striking southwards through Belgium claim to have pushed past Courtrai towards Meir, the obvious intention being to attempt a juncture with the Panzer units in or near Lille.

Back To Sea

If this new manoeuvre could be completed it may compromise the position of a portion of the Allied forces in Belgium, who would be temporarily surrounded in a circular pocket. At the same time, the remainder of the Allied forces in the north would have their back to the North Sea along a line extending from the Dutch border to Ghent, thence southwards to Lille. If the Panzer divisions reach Lille, the southern flank of the Allied forces in Belgium would be facing the line of Nazi mechanised units which stretch in a thin line from Arras to the Channel.

The Allied forces, however, are well aware of the Nazi designs and have fought off five violent German attacks.

Between Courtrai and Lens the Germans must fight their way through tremendous opposition, and there is no possibility of a breakthrough at present regarding the outcome of the new manoeuvre.

German Claims

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" BERLIN, May 27 (UP).—German military sources claimed last night that Nazi troops had effected a crossing of the La Bassée Canal at the village of La Bassée, south-west of Lille.

The report claims that the Allied troops attacking from the south are only 10 miles from the German forces in the Courtrai sector.

It is admitted by German military circles that the Allied resistance in northern France is "extremely stubborn" and that the lightning progress of the German forces has been greatly slowed down.

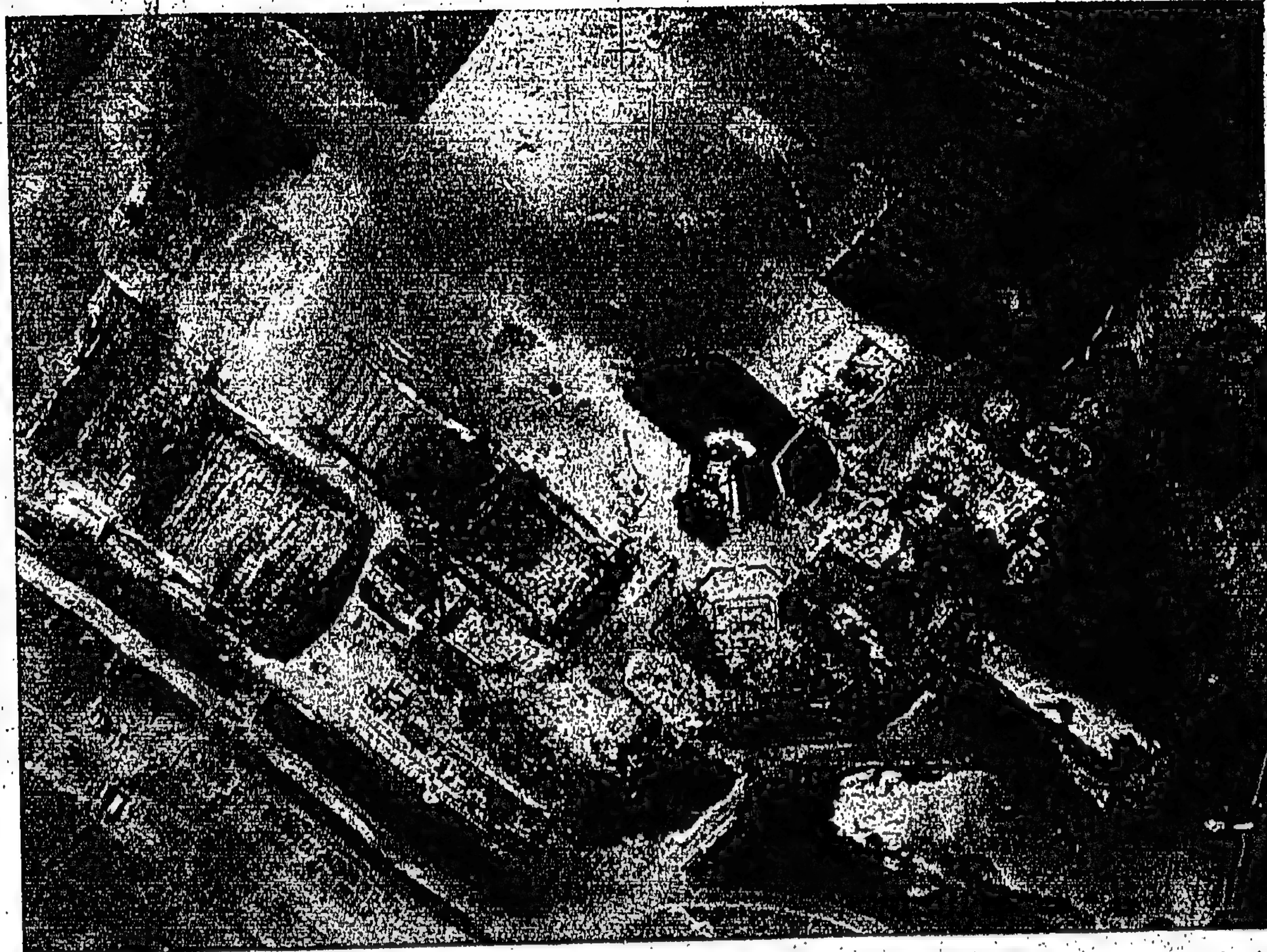
The only specific advance in the north claimed by the Germans on Sunday was from Courtrai to Jeumont, where the Germans claim to have advanced a depth of between six and ten miles.

Yesterday's German High Command communiqué claims that the Germans are "constantly narrowing the ring around the trapped Allied forces" in Flanders.

The communiqué also admits that "enemy resistance is fierce." The official report is the briefest issued by the German High Command since the blitzkrieg started. It does not indicate any new German advances and apparently implies that there is tremendous fighting along the entire front.

It is noteworthy that the communiqué does not mention Calais. Authoritative sources in Berlin discredit reports that German troops have entered the city.

British Planes Did This To Rotterdam Airport



THE WAALHAVEN AIRPORT at Rotterdam after the first mass R.A.F. raid when the Germans were in possession. The picture does not show the full extent of the damage, but the hangars and buildings in the north-east corner are completely demolished and are still burning. Only the framework of the three hangars remains. There are approximately thirty bomb craters on and close to this corner of the airport.—British Official Photograph, Copyright. By Air Mail.

Evacuation from towns on coast

Latest Precautions By British Authorities

LONDON, May 26 (Reuters).—The Government has decided that as Holland, parts of Belgium and northern France are in enemy hands, the following towns on the south-east coast will become evacuation areas:

Great Yarmouth, Lowestoft, Felixstowe, Harwich, Clacton, Frinton, Walton Southend, Margate, Ramsgate, Broadstairs, Sandwich, Dover, Deal and Folkestone.

Arrangements are being made for children, whose parents wish them to go, to be sent to safer districts in the Midlands and in Wales. The movement will start next Sunday.

SWISS HEAR BIG GUNS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BASLE, May 26 (UP).—The rumble of heavy artillery was clearly audible in this Swiss frontier town to-day as the French in the Volkensburg sector, four miles from the border, blasted the Stein sector of the Siegfried Line.

The village of Etrigen has been evacuated. French artillery also shelled the railway centre of Badens, the market town of Maelre, and the entrance to Ankendor Valley.

MRS. ROOSEVELT AND RED CROSS

WASHINGTON, May 26 (Reuters).—Broadcasting a nation-wide appeal on behalf of the Red Cross War Relief Fund, Mrs. Roosevelt said: "If we turn away from the need of others, we align ourselves with those forces which are bringing about the suffering and which we must eventually try to defeat."

She appealed to Americans to "give as never before," adding, "One great commandment that religion has given us, 'Love thy neighbour as thyself,' has been forgotten."

HOUR DRAWING NEAR, CIANO'S EDITOR SAYS

By REYNOLDS PACKHARD

(UNITED PRESS STAFF CORRESPONDENT)

ROME, May 26 (UP).—"The hour draws near" for Italian action in the Mediterranean.

This declaration was made by Signor Giovanni Ansaldo, editor of "Il Telegrafo," the mouthpiece of Count Ciano, in a radio broadcast to two million Italian soldiers to-day.

In addition, Signor Gayda, editor of the "Giornale d'Italia," boasted that even under its policy of non-belligerence Italy has forced 1,200,000 Allied troops to stay along Italian borders.

Meanwhile Mussolini to-day reviewed 25,000 members of the Fascist youth and blackshirt Ballia aged six to 18 years.

The youngsters shouted "War!" as they marched past the saluting base holding bared daggers aloft.

The Japanese Mission to Rome were given a place of honour on Il Duce's right hand.

Earlier Mussolini was in conference with the heads of Italian armament works on the new artillery programme. He then received his four leading generals for talks on military questions.

Orders have been issued, effective as from June 1, banning all petrol burning vehicles without permits.

Also all wool and cotton supplies must be registered within 15 days. The Tunis correspondent of the official Stefani, news agency, claims that the French authorities are mistreating Italian nationals throughout Tunisia.

Italians Negative On Talks With Britain

ROME, May 26 (Domel).—Despite the British Government's announcement of progress in the Anglo-Italian trade negotiations, Italian Government circles declared that Italy on PLEASE Turn To Page 2.

PANAMA REVOLT CRUSHED PANAMA CITY, May 26 (UP).—Ten men were arrested to-day on charges of attempting to promote a revolution. They include the Oppositionist leader, Francisco Arias.

It is reported that home-made bombs were seized in a house of a locally known Socialist Marxist.

BOULOGNE CITADEL FALLS

PARIS, May 26, (UP).—The French High Command has admitted that the Germans have captured Boulogne.

The citadel was taken after desperate street fighting.

However, they claim that the German drive to the sea through Flanders has been stalled by furious Allied resistance.

A military source said the Nazi losses have been tremendous as the invaders unleashed major attacks in five sectors, all of which were repulsed.

So deadly has the French artillery fire between the Alsace and Meuse been that "whole sections of German infantry have been mowed down," he said.

To-night's official communiqué said: "Violent fighting continues on the Somme where we have accentuated our advance."

The French Premier proceeded to London this morning to confer with the British War Cabinet.

He returned to Paris this evening.

Belgian Premier In London

LONDON, May 26 (Domel).—M. Hubert Pierot, Belgian Premier, accompanied by M. Paul-Henri Spaak, Foreign Minister, Lieut.-Gen. Henri Denis, National Defence Minister, and M. van der Porten, Home Minister, this afternoon arrived in London.

The Belgian party is expected to hold consultations with the British Government regarding measures to be taken in the future.

HONGKONG ON ALERT Fifth Columnists In The Colony

Warned by the fate of Norway and Holland and encouraged by the firm action of British, the Hongkong authorities intend to take no grass grow under their feet in dealing with Fifth Column activities or in preparing for the remote possibility of a parachute invasion.

The Acting Colonial Secretary, Mr. R. A. C. North, declared that as yet he was not able to outline the action which the authorities intend to take with respect to these problems, but he gave an assurance that developments in Europe had made them more alert than ever.

He added that no internment had yet been made at La Salle College. The one man detained soon after the re-preparation of the College for internment purposes was an alien over military law.

He had been allowed to live in the Colony under certain restrictions, but his subsequent conduct was considered hostile. He was still in police custody. Mr. North declared, however, that this man could scarcely be considered a Fifth Columnist in the strict sense of the word, which implied an element of treachery. No suspected Fifth Columnists had yet been taken in Hongkong.

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Police Clear Up Smash, Grab Crimes

Big Kowloon Thefts Recalled

THREE DARING Kowloon smash and run robberies have been cleared up as a result of investigations by the Yau-mai C.I.D., the "Telegraph" learns late this afternoon.

The first robbery occurred eight months ago at the Blue Bell Store, the robber smashing the show windows and seizing watches and other articles to the value of \$180.

This store was also the victim of a similar robbery three months later, when the same tactics were employed. On the second occasion, however, the proprietor was on the alert and only two or three watches were taken.

The third victim was the Windsor Bros. Jewellery establishment, which lost watches and other jewellery valued at a large sum.

It is stated that the thief was apprehended this afternoon by a European detective and confessed to all three crimes. The "Telegraph" is told that practically the entire proceeds of the three watches are now being recovered from pawn shops.

The prevalence of robberies in certain areas in Kowloon it is stated, has resulted in some insurance companies refusing to accept certain risks.

HOPE NEARING EDITOR SAYS

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her part considers the trade negotiations a failure.

Week-End Speculation

ROME, May 26 (Reuter).—The question of peace or war for Italy remains the paramount pre-occupation of everyone in Rome.

Signor Giovanni Ansaldo, editor of Count Ciano's newspaper, "Telegrafo", concluded his weekly broadcast by saying: "For every blow that Hitler strikes a corresponding blow in our natural sphere of action in the Mediterranean."

Signor Mussolini to-day conferred with Marshal Graziani (Chief of Italian Army Staff), the General in

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The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 30th May, 1940, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

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General Managers.

Hongkong, 16th April, 1940.

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By Order of the Board of Directors.

A. W. BROWN, Manager.

Hongkong, 23rd May, 1940.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 29th day of May, to THURSDAY, the 6th. of June, 1940, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, 23rd May, 1940.

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All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns. No fire Insurance has been effected.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISYA, Hongkong, 27th May, 1940.

charge of mobilisation and the Chief Air Raid Precautions Officer.

He also saw the heads of armament factories regarding faster and more extensive production.

Mussolini and His Generals.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

ROME, May 26 (UP).—In the presence of his Chief of Staff, General Graziani, Signor Mussolini to-day received a general staff of Generals, Bergia and Rossi.

Lieutenant Colonel Piacentini of the Mobilisation Department of the War Ministry was also present.

The conference discussed military questions.

Egypt's Precautions.

ALEXANDRIA, May 26 (Reuter).—The authorities have ordered a blackout throughout the country between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m. Up to now the blackout has only been imposed along the sea-front.

Malta Warning.

MALTA, May 26 (Reuter).—The American Consul to-day strongly advised Americans to leave Malta for the United States at the earliest possible moment.

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Ord. 5.30 p.m.
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Tuesday, May 28
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Straits 11.00 a.m.
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H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

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Indo-China P.S. 1.62 1/2
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Shell (Barkers) 1.62 1/2
Waterboats 1.62 1/2

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Wharves 1.62 1/2
Docks (e. ris.) 1.62 1/2
Docks (x. ris.) 1.62 1/2
Docks (ris.) 1.62 1/2
Providents 1.62 1/2
Sh. Docks Sh. 1.62 1/2

MINING

Kailan 1.62 1/2
Rauha 1.62 1/2
H.K. Mines 1.62 1/2

LANDS

Hotels 1.62 1/2
Lands 1.62 1/2
Lands 4% Debentures 1.62 1/2
Shal Lands Sh. 1.62 1/2
Humphreys 1.62 1/2
H.K. Realities 1.62 1/2
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China Lights (old) 1.62 1/2
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H.K. Electric 1.62 1/2
Macao Electric 1.62 1/2
Sandakan Lights 1.62 1/2
Telephones (old) 1.62 1/2
Telephones (new) 1.62 1/2

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Dairy Farms 1.62 1/2
Watsons 1.62 1/2
Lane Crawford 1.62 1/2
Sincere 1.62 1/2
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Powell Ltd. 1.62 1/2

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MURDER CHARGE

Alleged Outrage At Lantau

How a woman and her two younger children were allegedly attacked by two men armed with choppers in the middle of the night at Lantau was described at the Criminal Sessions this morning, when Chan Tim-sing was charged with the murder of Ng Wan, a 15-year-old boy, before the Chief Justice Sir Atholl McGregor.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, is for the prosecution, and Chan is defended by Mr. H. W. Lee, instructed by Messrs. Woo and Woo. Just members are Messrs. S. F. Chubb (Foreman), R. F. Lederhofer, N. Spence, F. Ng, D. G. G. Allen, C. Y. Abdullah and G. V. Remedios.

Story Of Alleged Crime

Mr. Murphy said Ng lived with his mother, Chan Lan, and a younger sister in an unnumbered hut at San Wai, Lantau. Chan was a grass-cutting and lived in a marshy nearby. She was attacked on December 1, Chan was in bed with her children when she was disturbed by somebody moving about in the hut. She also felt someone moving the blanket which was covering her but thinking this was done by one of her children she went to sleep again.

Shortly afterwards she had occasion to get up but just as she had put one foot on the ground someone seized hold of her by the neck and she received a blow on the head. She struggled violently and managed to get to the door of the hut, where her assailant struck her again on the head with a chopper. At this moment she saw there were two men in the hut, and she would say that Chan was one of them. She would also testify that Chan seized her purse and took \$20 from it.

Children Go For Help

Whilst the struggle was going on she called out to her children to go for help. The children did so, calling out "Save life!" as they were running away from the hut. Chan and the other men followed them, and Chau would say that she saw Chan strike her son with a chopper. It was a clear night and when she saw the incident she was about 30 feet away. However, the story of the daughter, who was also cut, varied somewhat. She said that it was the other man and not Chan who struck her brother. Whichever version was correct, Mr. Murphy submitted, Chan was guilty of murder so long as he was there.

Continuing, Mr. Murphy said that after he had received the blow, the boy ran to a fisherman's hut where he died soon afterwards—that same morning and when formally charged he replied he had nothing to say. During the preliminary trial before the Magistrate he denied having struck Ng with a chopper, alleging that one Li Tak and his son were responsible.

Police officers that while he did not attack Ng he had a share in stealing some money.

Medical Evidence

Dr. E. L. Gosano, of the Kowloon Hospital, said Chan had several lacerated wounds which were fairly severe. She remained in hospital for over three months. The daughter also had a lacerated wound on the right shoulder.

Mr. C. S. P. Heywood, of the Royal Observatory, said that on the night in question the probability was that it did not become very dark until midnight.

Witness agreed with Mr. Lee that darkness increased after midnight.

Dr. H. H. Tai, of the Kowloon Public Mortuary, said Ng died from two deep wounds on the head, and haemorrhage. There was also a number of bruises and abrasions on the body.

The case is proceeding.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

His Excellency the Governor, who has departed for Ceylon to recuperate after his recent illness, telegraphed the Officer Administering the Government, the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, expressing his gratitude at the messages of sympathy received prior to his departure.

His Excellency cables: "I am sincerely grateful for messages of sympathy and good wishes of two Councils, Naval Commander-in-Chief, Justice and Police Judge which I value very highly."

"I look forward to returning to Hongkong in a few months time."

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The following is Swan, Culbertson & Fitz report on this morning's market:

Prices on the Manila Stock Exchange were mixed during the morning with over half the list not being traded in. Surigao Consolidated, one centavo and Ataka lost one-half centavo while Baguio Gold, Big Wedge, Iron Mining, San Maurice and United Paracels gained one-half centavo.

NAZI BLITZKRIEG

FROM PAGE ONE

const, the Germans have launched ferocious attacks on the northern sectors.

The Nazis are attempting to establish a continuous line from Arras to the Channel in order to open the entire armies of the north in a small pocket between Calais and Ghent.

So far, it should be emphasized, the German line from Arras to the sea is not continuous.

Powerful Resistance

The Allies have organized a very powerful centre of resistance at St. Omer, where General Relchenau's main mechanized column has been halted.

Calais and Dunkirk are solidly held by the French and British and, with St. Omer, holding out, there is no direct menace to these ports.

The official French analyst, tonight confirmed the London reports that the Germans had fought their way into part of Boulogne, the main port for Anglo-French communications and the port of call in peace time for many ships on the south Atlantic run, but insists that the Channel is still held by the French.

All Channel and North Sea ports are still in Allied hands, the analyst claimed.

"It is true that the Germans have continued to force new blinded columns through the Artois pocket south of Boulogne and have headed towards the north-east," the analyst said.

Numbers Exaggerated

"As these columns head towards the Channel they are attempting to throw their right wing behind the front held by the Allied armies of the north."

"The major question just now is to determine the exact quantity and importance of these German elements which have passed through Artois."

"A serious revision of the earlier estimates now leads us to conclude that we exaggerated the number of these forces."

"There are six times as many German soldiers lined up along the walls of the 'pocket' as those who got through, and the majority of the latter never got beyond Arras."

"The report adds that 50 Allied planes were shot down on Saturday and claims that only 11 German machines were lost."

"True, the situation has lost none of its gravity. The Germans are now simultaneously attacking the north and front of our armies in the north and at the same time, they are throwing more tanks into the mad rush for the Channel ports."

"This is possible because a gap still exists in our lines between Dapenne and Pecqueur. Otherwise, our front is continuous."

"On the other hand, to-night's re-examination of the situation fully permits feeling of confidence since yesterday."

Dublin Raids On Fifth Columnists

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
DUBLIN, May 27 (UP).—Police carried out further raids on fifth columnists in Dublin on Sunday.

A large number of people have been arrested.

Details are being withheld by the authorities.

NAZI REPORTS

Domination In Air Objective

German Boasts Of Britain's "Fate"

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
BERLIN, May 27 (UP).—"The final reckoning is at hand for Britain, with German planes ready to swarm upon them in devastating waves."

This was part of an official announcement to-day in Berlin, when the capture of Calais was claimed.

DNB reports that Lens and Bethune have been captured, and claims that this event has blocked the return passage of the B.E.F. to England.

A High Command communiqué stated that, following the capture of Calais, German mechanized units

NO LONGER QUIET ON WESTERN FRONT

Air-mail photographs just received from Home show animated scenes on the Western Front as the Allies prepared to meet the Blitzkrieg invasion of the Lowlands.



FRENCH SOLDIERS moving up to the front lines. Disembarking from a train somewhere in France.



A LONG STRING OF FRENCH TANKS MOVING UP TO THE FRONT



BRITONS INTERNED IN GERMANY.—A photograph from Wulzburg Castle, in northern Bavaria.



A PHOTOGRAPH from French Flanders, where severe fighting now rages.



FRENCH TANKS of the type now meeting the German onslaught.

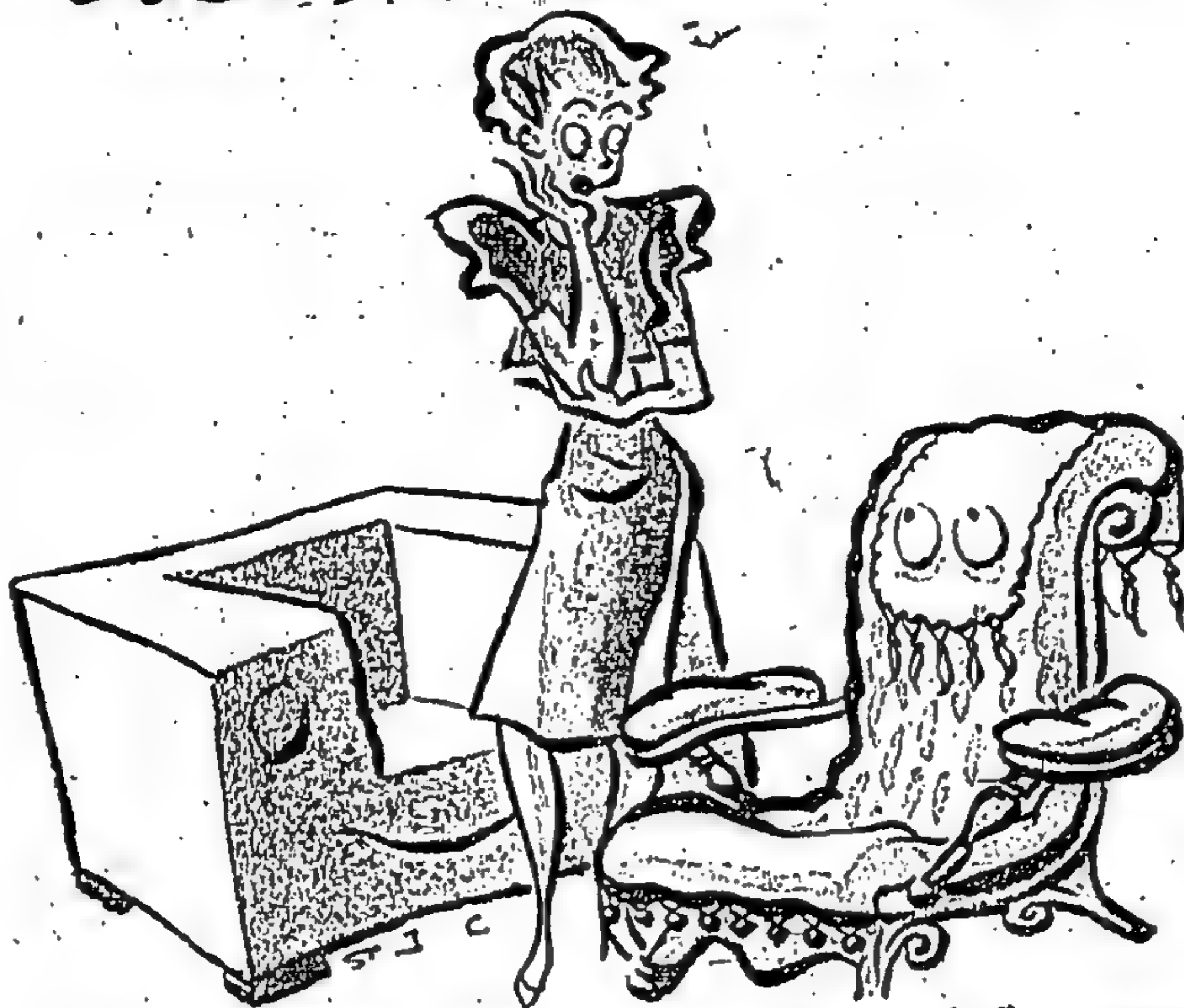


HIS MAJESTY THE KING visits units of the O.C.T.U. at Aldershot. The King with some Staff Officers.



Marjorie Reynolds, film starlet, wears a light blue crepe spectators sports dress with navy trim. Her Ascot is of navy blue with polka dots, and her matching straw hat has a grosgrain band and streamer. Her kid bag and shoes are navy blue.

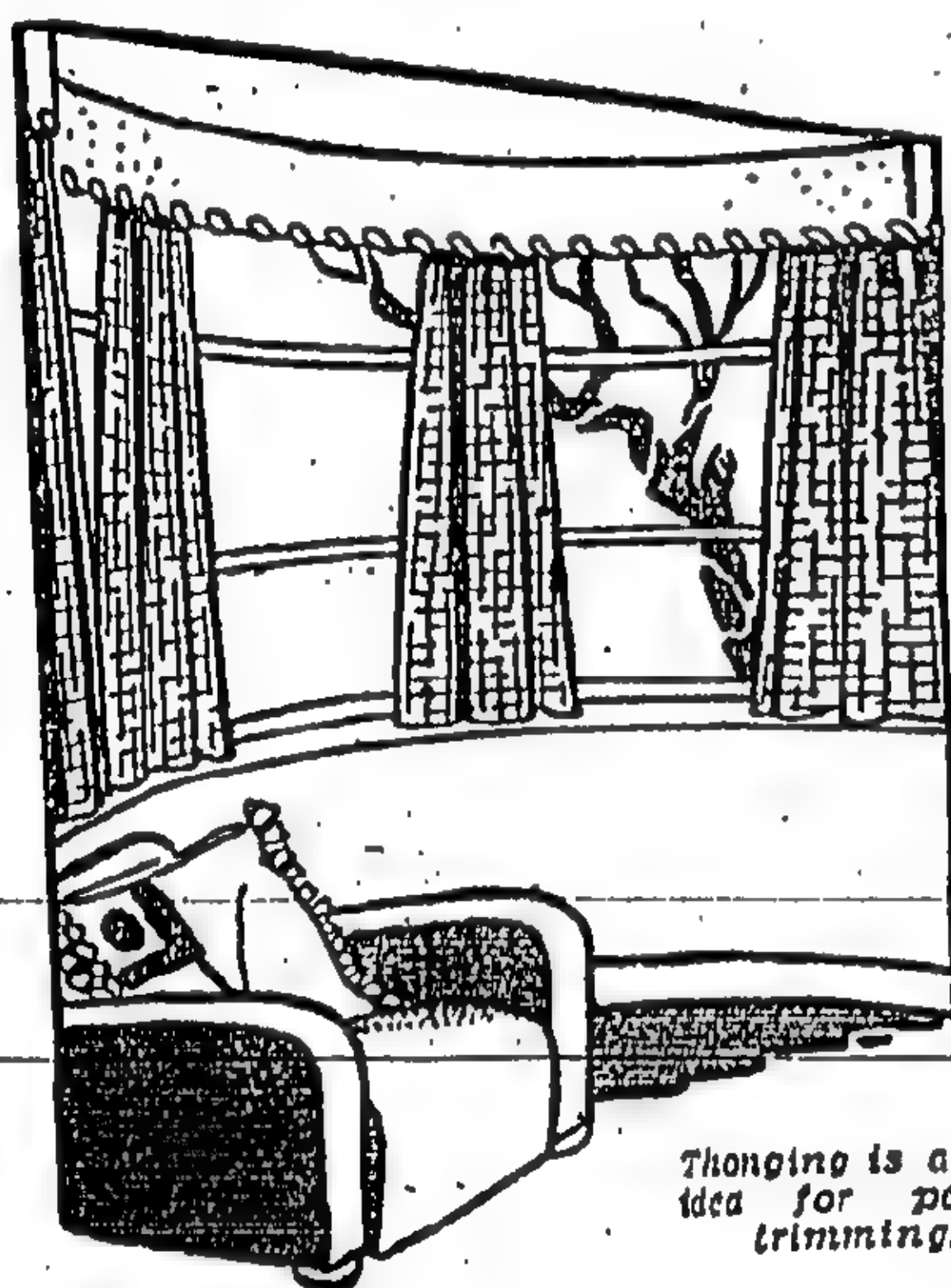
'EAST WEST, HOME'S BEST'



-but there are homes and homes

TIME to Window DRESS

Says JANET JAY



Thinking is a new idea for pelmet trimming.

"CHARMED magic casements." These words of Keats always come to my mind when I am planning to dress the windows in their new finery.

Our magic casements may open only on to a green lawn with the flowers budding round and the vegetable patch nicely dug over, but doesn't this optimistic string-out look make you want to perk up the house to match all the brightness outdoors?

It is just like having a new hat. Windows are the gateway for sunshine to get into the house. They're the eyes of the home and we must keep them bright and cheerful.

One simple way of making a change summery—peach, green and gold in the rooms is to have new curtains, scheme, with peach nixon or organdi which can also make a variation in the cretonne draw curtains, peach schemes.

Suppose you have warm brown, orange or wine velvet winter curtains without going to the expense of new for the sitting-room, and the rest of curtains.

The room will look different for summer if you substitute cretonne or try one for the sitting-room. I am chintz-eatin curtains, with pattern in the cretonne draw curtains, peach ground. One or two envelope cases. And a new set of organdi or muslin for the cushions could be made to glass curtains relieves the severity of match.

Or perhaps you have a green and peach bedroom. Transform this to a you take careful measurements.

Evening Frocks Are All a-Glitter

By ELEANOR GUNN

NEW YORK—If you like glitter, skip its possibilities with the mere the-season's evening dresses are for mention that is being revived—with you. Some are harsh and entirely cautions.

There's something about shiny whirling dervish type. They are not black sequins which, like shiny, are likely to appeal to the silhouettes. It's drapery or gathers wrong people. Yet both sequins and for them.

French dressmakers are proceeding giving the faintest bubble suggestion with caution with this lot business. But don't let me mislead you into it's one of those revivals that is none thinking that bustles are back in any too sure. To begin with, let me's sense of the word. It's just that the exactly a summer trimming. So let's up-in-the-back line that so many of

A box-pleated frill would look well on a "cottage" window, and like the pelmet, could be made of a plain material to contrast with patterned curtains, or vice versa.

Now about lengths and shapes. Floor-length draw curtains look best, but if you prefer them short, let them hang at least two inches below the window sill.

I make them half as wide again as the window; this ensures that the curtains still hang in pretty folds when they are drawn across at night. Instead of straight-hanging full-length curtains, you might like to try tying them back to the sides of the window. This is an old-style revived, but it looks specially well for tall sash windows. The draped curtains help to soften the outline.

Materials? Cretonnes and the chintz-satin just mentioned are good if you have decided on doral windows, and I have just found a striped seersucker, in pretty shades of orange, green or blue with natural.

This would make up into pretty and practical curtains, because it washes so well and it does not need ironing.

If you want a contrast pelmet, make it of firm fabric like linen or rep so that it will lie flat and keep its shape.

When making a pelmet at home it is usually best to keep the shape simple and let the trimming add the interest.

For instance, a thonged pelmet is something new. This could be made in leather cloth but would be just as effective in material, the thonging being done with a thick silk or cotton cord in a lighter colour.

The pelmet itself is straight, which simplifies making.

Dormer windows are something of a problem, because the sloping walls on either side already exclude a certain amount of light. For these windows I suggest nixon or organdi curtains, with a frill all round, and a little shirred pelmet of the same material.

Make this on a satcen foundation: pale peach organdi over pale blue satcen or pale yellow over green would be pretty.

With these curtains you would have a blind for blacking-out purposes, which could be in green or blue with a scalloped border.

Which reminds me that you will be wanting ideas for making other windows light proof. There are specially blinds are an alternative is screens made of black sheeting, which you can put up with a new press stud device.

It is like a large edition of the press fasteners we saw on frocks, but one half is on a nail which is tacked into the woodwork. Sew the other half to the sheeting, which can thus be quickly put up or taken down.

When collars and cuffs of boys' shirts become frayed, cut these down to semi-low necks and short sleeves and use for summer play shirts.

Add a slice of lemon to each glassful of ginger ale for a smoother drink.

Mothers who have difficulty getting children to eat fruit, ought to try serving fruit as a part of the meal more in salads or in fruit cups for dessert.

As a safety precaution, keep handles turned away from the front edges of the stove.

HOW SMART ARE YOU? Be honest; would you have known how to solve these everyday problems that might be yours?

Q The Atkinsons have just moved into a small, bright house that has rather low ceilings. For the sitting-room, which faces south, Mrs. A. bought a modern square-looking Chesterfield suite covered in a nice flowered chintz, and had curtains made to match the covers. She bought four small chairs, a bureau, a pouffe, a low coffee table, a tea-table, and had one wall lined with bookshelves. What would have struck you about the room if you had gone to tea with Mrs. A.?

A Before you got claustrophobia you would have noticed she had too much furniture: a large suite is overpowering in a small room. Two armchairs and a small couch would be enough for comfort. And in a small room large flowered materials are too overbearing. With small furniture and plain fabrics, the room would look twice the size.

Q Young Mrs. Morris has modern inclinations and furnished her house to suit her tastes. But a favourite aunt gave her some Victorian furniture, and she didn't want to offend the old lady. What did she do?

A She realised in time that there is an increasing fashion for Victorian furniture. She didn't mix it with her own things—that would have been a fatal mistake. She made a Victorian room. She took off the old dark chair covers and did them with fresh-looking cottons, decorating them with white braid and fringe. She painted the Victorian overmantel white and gold, and hung dimity curtains in the window and put a muslin source round the mahogany dressing table. All her friends are copying her, and won't believe she didn't get the idea from a film of American high life.

Q Mrs. Smith lives in a modern flat, and for her birthday friends gave her (a) a reproduction Elizabethan oak lamp and (b) a bowl of goldfish (but the goldfish died). What did she do with them?

A Gave the lamp away to a convenient jumble sale; you can't mix periods to that extent. (b) Emptied the water away, filled the bowl with coloured glass bubbles and had it fitted up as a lamp with a plain white parchment shade.

Q The Robinsons went to live in an old-world half-timbered cottage. Mrs. R., who had always had a hankering after film-set furniture, chose a pretty rose-wood tuffeta for the sitting-room and peach satin for the bedroom. Both look nice against the cream walls. Was she wrong or right?

A Completely wrong; so-phisticated fabrics just don't go in a simple cottage. She would have been smarter to have considered gingham or printed linen, crisp cotton or-furnishing tweeds.

Q The Georges' dining-room is a bit of a problem. The table is in the middle of the room with the fireplace on one side, the window on another, the door on another and the sideboard on the fourth. Result, when they have people to dinner, the most important woman guest sits at Mr. G's right hand, she always sits in a howling draught. What did they do to keep their popularity with their friends?

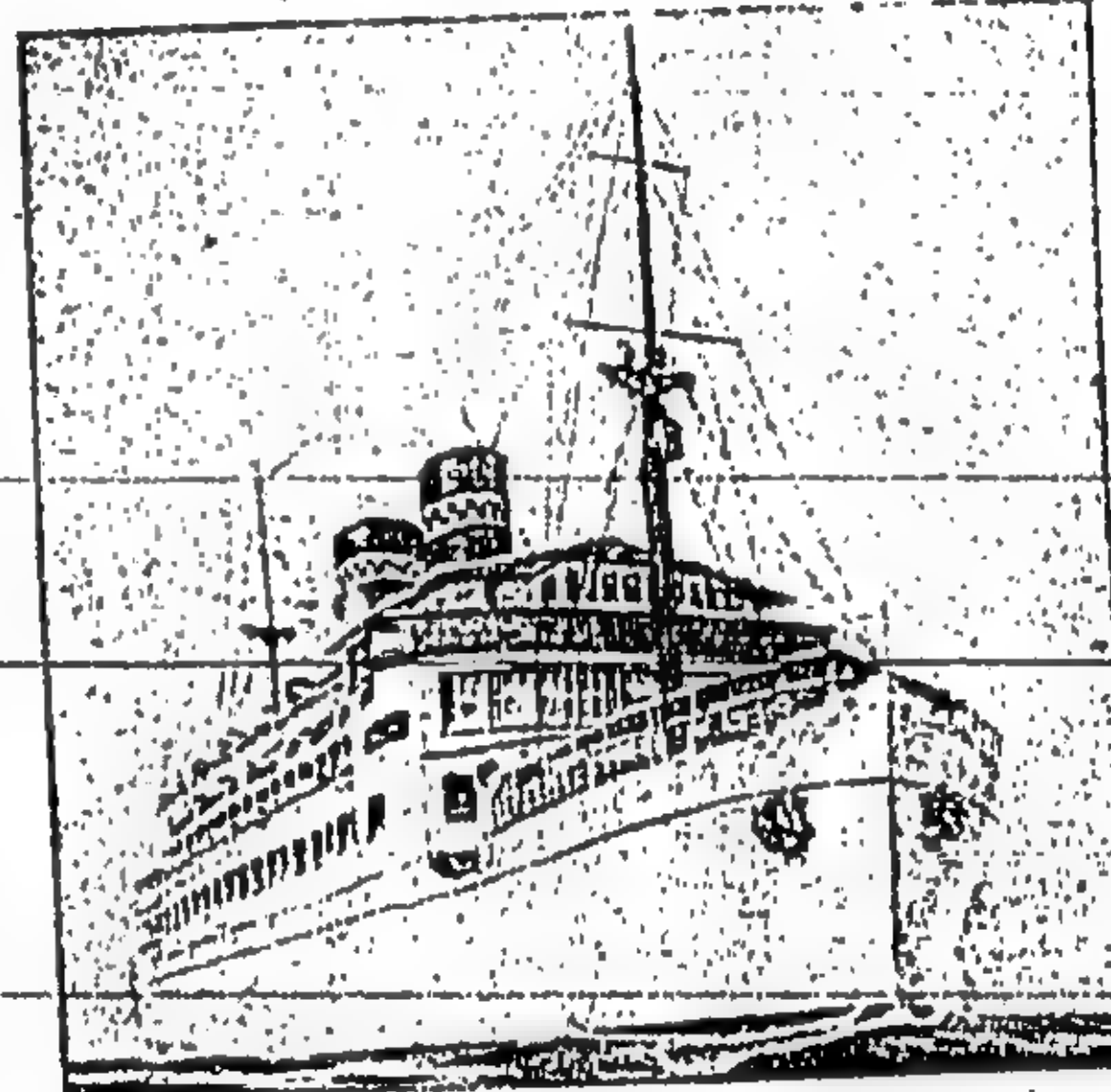
A They bought an old screen in the local street market, stripped it and scrubbed it and then decorated it themselves by painting it with Regency stripes in red and yellow. They put it by the door so that it kept the draught off. And it looked very nice.

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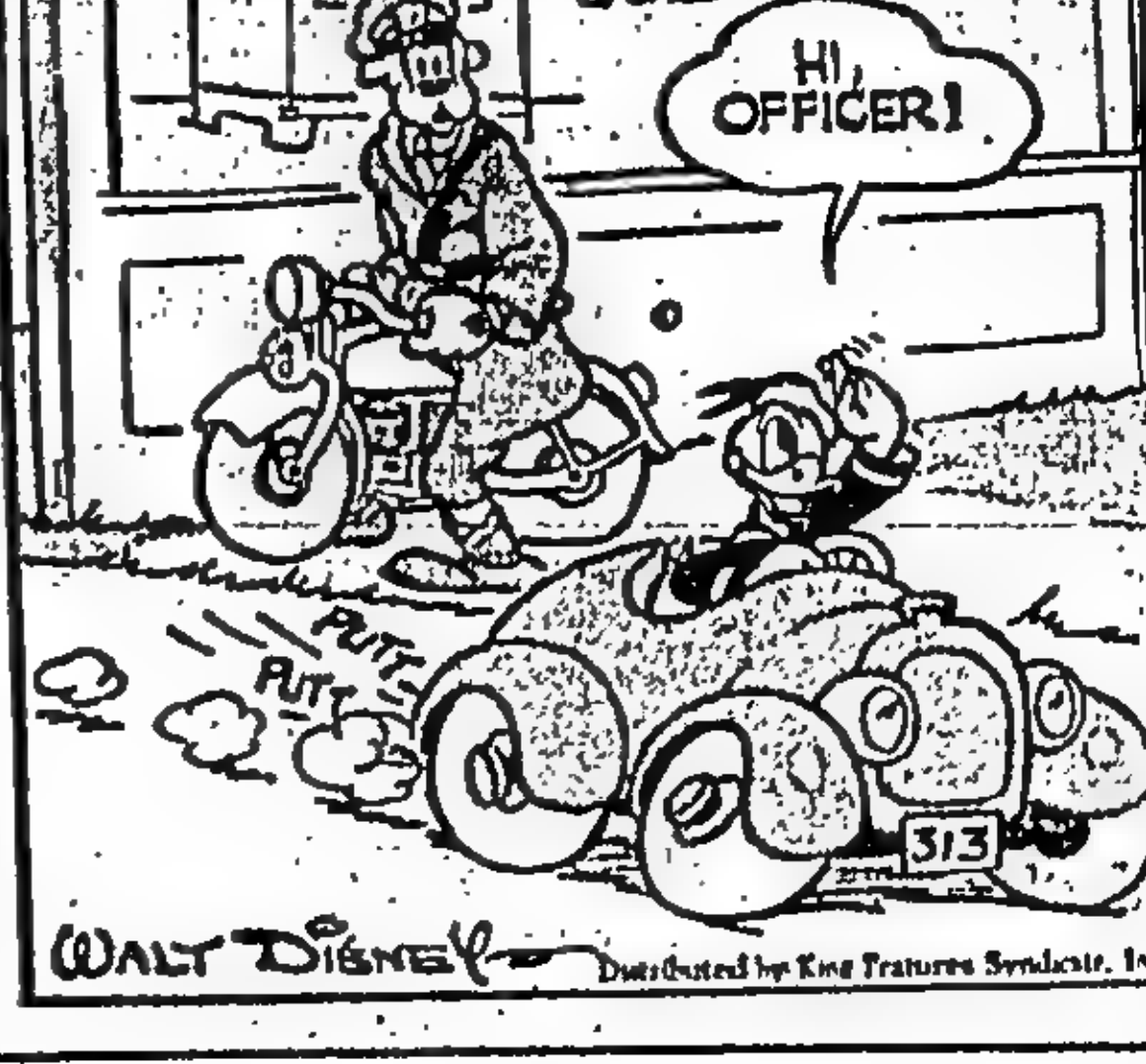
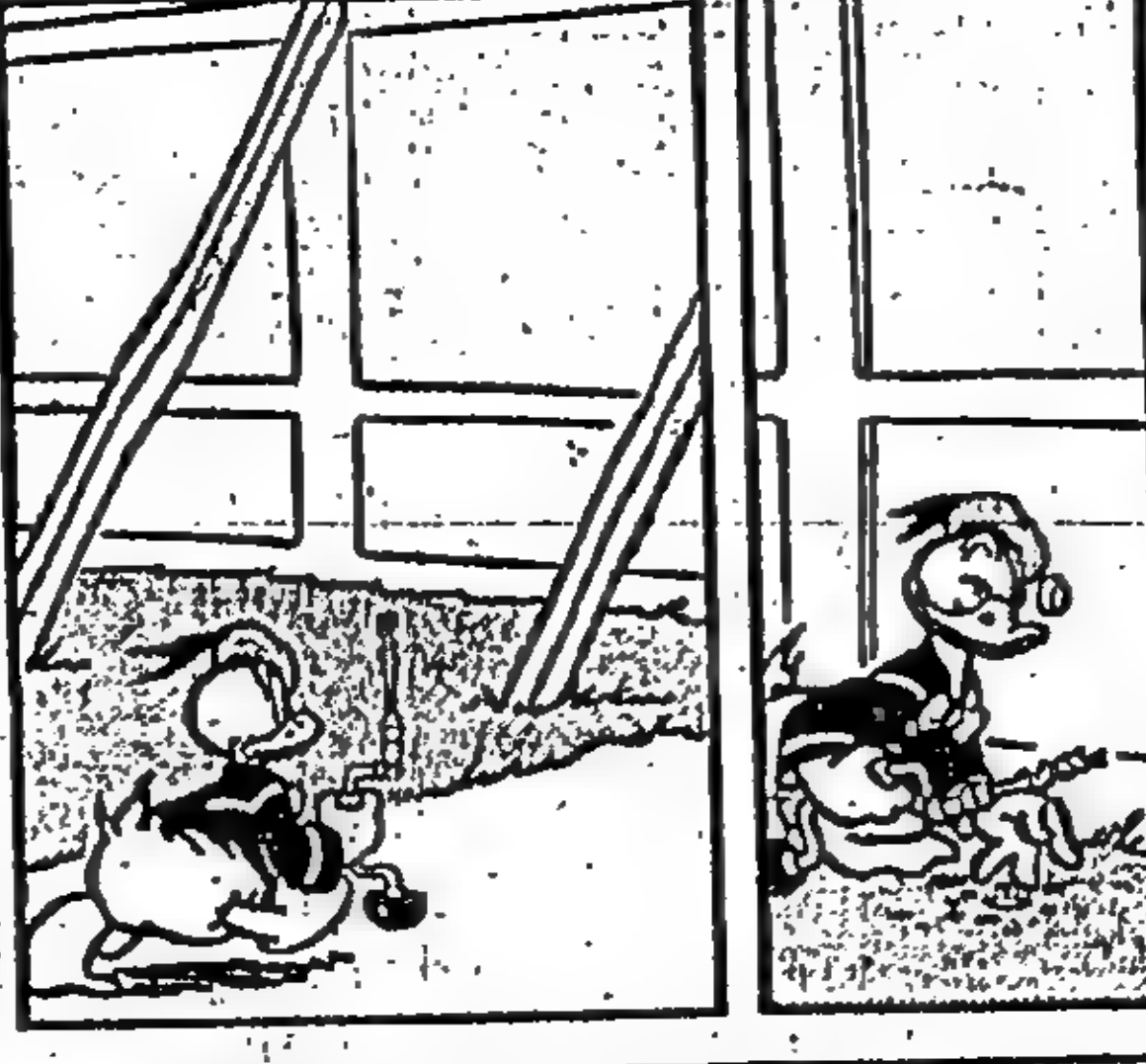
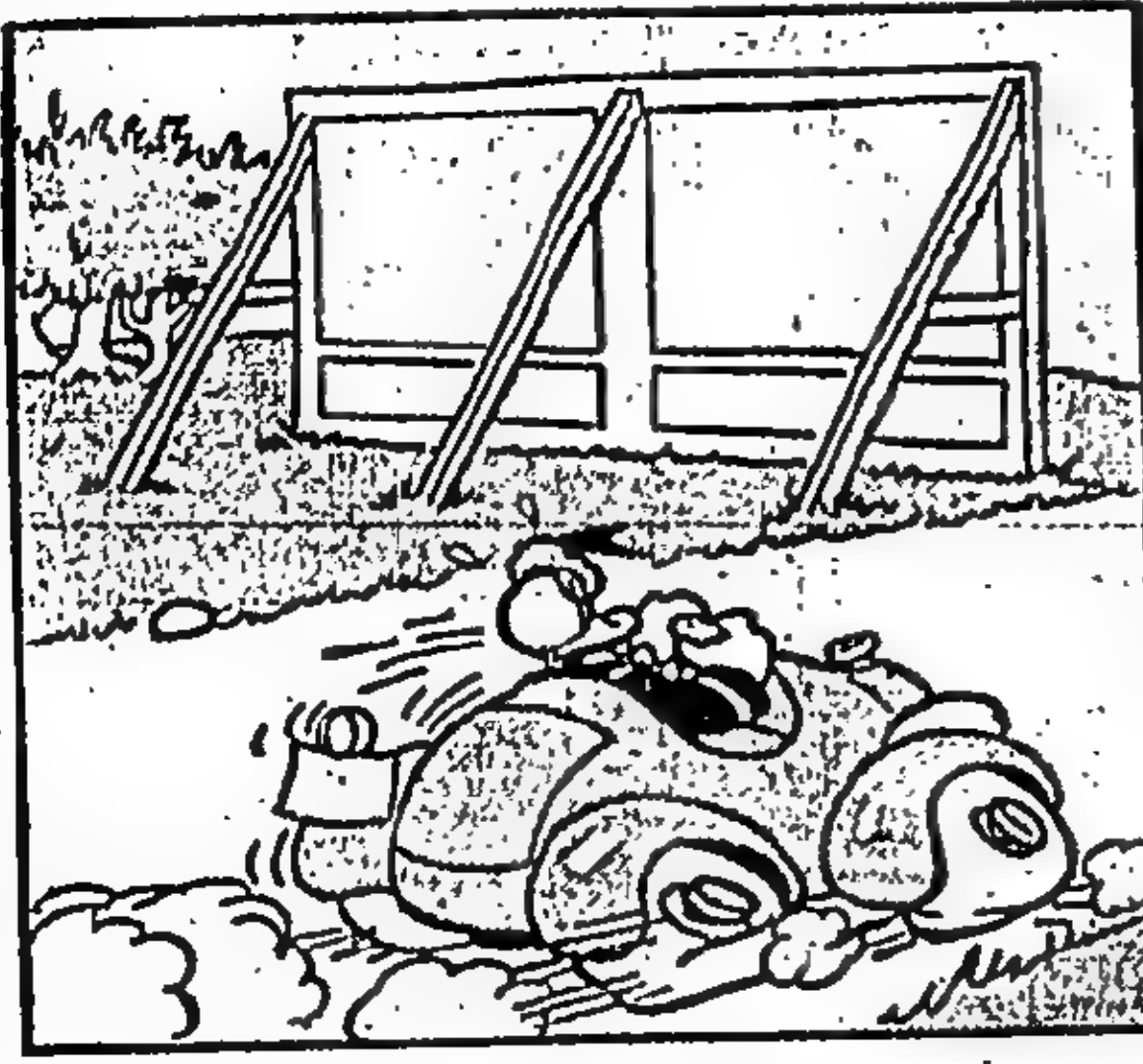
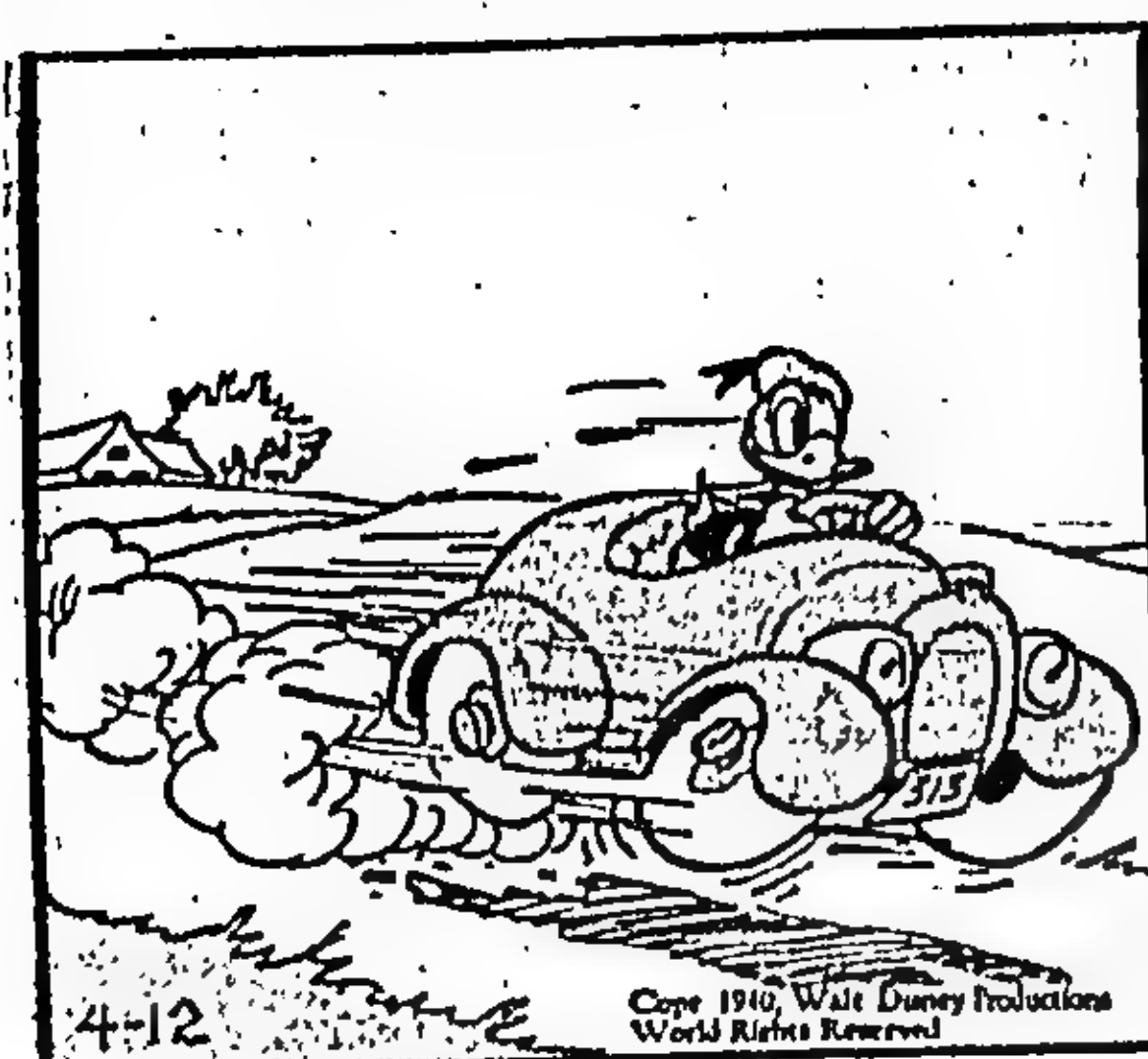
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1st. Silver Cup. 2nd. \$30. 3rd. \$20. 4th. \$12.50.

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(Craftsmen's Section)

The whole of the work entered in the production of every entry must have been done by the competitors who will be required to make a declaration to this effect. Each entry must have pasted on the back a special entry form obtainable on application from The Hongkong Telegraph or from the Hon. Secretary, Hongkong Photographic Society. Subjects at the discretion of competitors.

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RULES

- The following Rules will govern the Competition:
- The Competition is confined exclusively to amateur photographers.
- No employee or member of any firm in the photographic trade is permitted to compete.
- The prize will be awarded to the competitors entering in what are adjudged to be the best photographs in each Section. Each entry must be accompanied by a form which will be published during the period of the Competition, and which must be pasted on back of entry.
- The right to publish any or all of the entries is reserved to the Hongkong Telegraph.
- All photographs entered must have been taken in the Colony of Hongkong. Photographs which have been already entered in other Competitions are ineligible.
- No responsibility will be accepted for non-delivery of loss of, or damage to entries.
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- No picture to be entered in more than one Section.
- Mounts to be only white or cream, must be of one of the following sizes: 10x12, 10x20.
- No correspondence will be entered into in connection with the competition.
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- The decision of the Judges shall be final.
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A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

May 27, 1890.
Major General Barker, our new Commandant-in-Chief, arrived here yesterday by the English mail.

Stanley, when receiving the freedom of the City of London at the Guildhall, was the sole candidate for the honour of being elected Mayor of the City.

Reuter wires to Singapore that Stanley, the notorious African butcher of defenceless negroes, is engaged to marry Miss Dorothy Tennant, a lady well known in art circles in London.

In reference to the Report of Governor Des Voeux on the moral condition of Hongkong, the Christian Editor of "The Friend," a religious rag, cheerfully remarks: "The 'Friend' is not the place in which to publish the loathsome details which are designed to make manifest the utter failure of the Governor's attempt to put a 'moral' stamp on the island. One hardly knows how to account for so strange a judgment, except as a result of that moral evil: that puts darkness for light and light for darkness. A 'twice' is pronounced on those who thus mislead others; but, alas! how many of those who are misled fall into the 'horrible pit'! This sort of blasphemous twaddle is scarcely calculated to bring local sinners to the stool of repentance."

The Queen to-day unveils an equestrian statue of the Prince Consort at Windsor. The children of the United Kingdom, the children of the Empire, and all the members of the English Royal Family will be present.

Mr. Norris, M.P., has given notice of his intention to call the attention of the House of Commons to the deplorable condition of several of the Native Villages of Baluchistan.

25 YEARS AGO

May 27, 1915.
Reuter's correspondent at British Headquarters says that the British now have lost no ground, despite the gas attack in the region of Ypres. Daily fighting with intense enthusiasm throughout the whole Army.

The hope appears to be unanimous that Mr. John Redmond will be persuaded to join the Cabinet, which will include Sir Edward Carson. "The Times" states that Mr. Churchill will remain in the Cabinet.

10 YEARS AGO

May 27, 1930.
Fears of an invasion by the "Ironside" troops, under General Chang Kai-shek, from the Hunan-Hopei frontier, with their objective, thus threatening the rear of the National troops fighting in Japan, resulted in a big military conference being held this morning by the Nationalist Commander-in-Chief, who decided to dispatch three Regiments of Nationalist troops to Yochow in Hunan in anticipation of the "Ironside" invasion.

The "Daily Mail" has made a gift of \$10,000 to Miss Amy Johnson in recognition of her feat in flying solo from England to Australia.

5 YEARS AGO

May 27, 1935.
Prince von Starnberg, Austria's vice-Chancellor and commander-in-chief of the Heimwehr, acting under the laws of a dictatorship, announced to-day that he would dismiss all doubtful elements from Austria's military organisations. His campaign is aimed particularly against the Nazi influences which have crept into the Heimwehr.

Massacre Of Refugees

Barbarous Action By German Planes

PARIS, May 26 (Reuter).—A correspondent reports that hundreds of refugees in Boulogne were bombed and machine-gunned by Nazi planes without mercy.

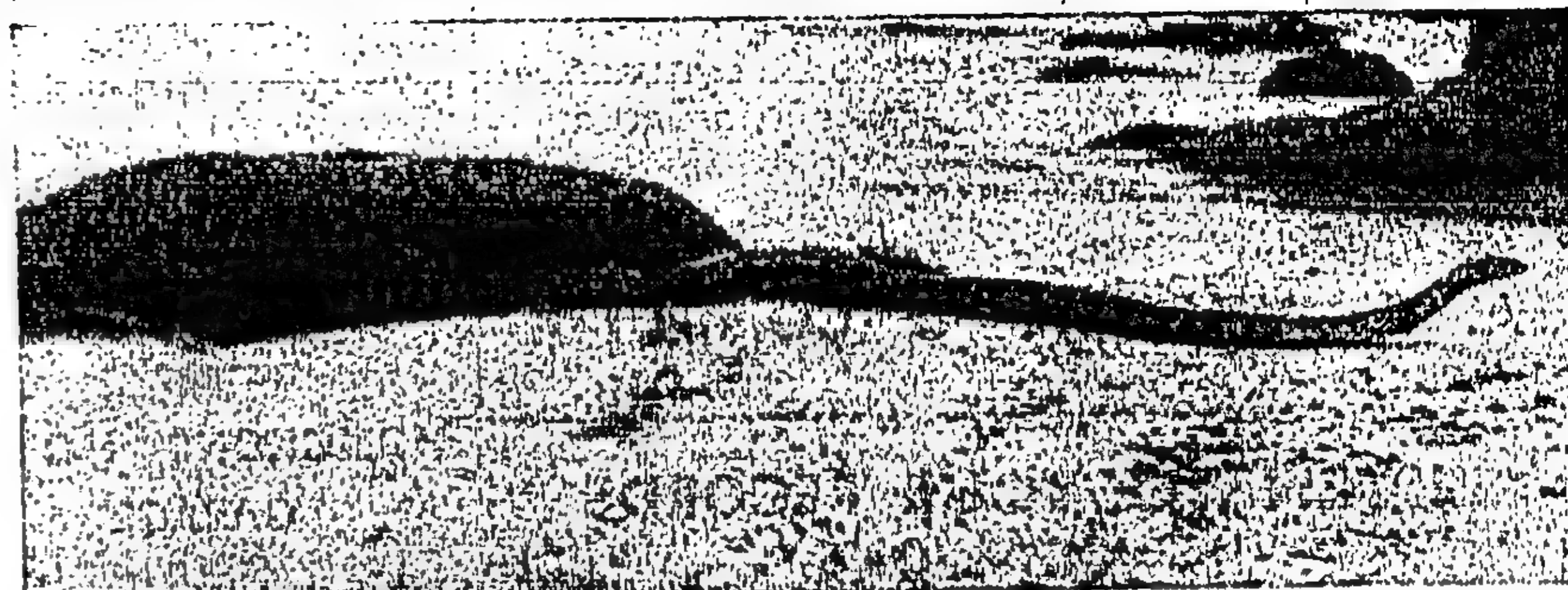
Many must have been killed and hundreds wounded. Three destroyers came into the harbour and opened fire on German gun emplacements on a hill. The guns were put out of action.

While this was going on, women, children and wounded soldiers were being embarked on the destroyers.

PERU 'QUAKE TOLL MOUNTS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LIMA, May 26 (Dome).—Surveys up to the evening of May 25 of the losses caused by the heavy earthquake in Peru reveal further casualties, with a total of 450 dead, and over 5,000 injured. The damage is estimated at several hundred million Soles.
The centre of the disturbance is said to have been near Callao, west of Lima.
Almost two-thirds of Callao is reported to have been destroyed.

SNAKES SIX-FEET LONG FOUND AT SHEK-O



These pictures submitted by a reader, illustrate the enormous size of two snakes which were encountered on the Shek-O beach recently. They are roughly six feet in length, and of a greenish-brown colour with darker brown markings. One went into the sea and swam around for a while, but was killed when it returned to the beach. The other disappeared among the rocks.

OUTSPOKEN SPEECH BY ROOSEVELT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, May 26 (UP).—President Roosevelt delivered one of his most outspoken speeches in a radio broadcast to the nation to-night.

The United States, he declared, does not have to abandon democracy to match its strength against aggressor nations.

"The idea that we can maintain our physical safety by retreating within our continental borders is futile."

"Obviously, such a policy of defence would merely invite attack in the future."

Illusion Shattered

"Events in Europe during the past fortnight have shattered the illusion that we are a remote island and therefore secure against the dangers from which no other land is free."

"In some quarters there came, with this rude awakening, a fear bordering on panic."

"It has been said that we are defenceless, and it has been whispered that only by abandoning our freedom of democratic ideals can we build defences adequate to match the strength of aggressors."

"I do not share these illusions or fears. Let us not be calmly bowled over. Let us not discount our strength. Let us have done with fears and illusions. Let us calmly consider what we have done and what we must do."

"Our Army and Navy to-day are the largest, best-equipped and best-trained peace-time establishment in the history of the world."

"By the end of this year, every existing unit of the Regular Army will be equipped with modern weapons."

"Our moral and mental defence must be raised as never before against those who would cast a smoke screen across our vision."

1,000 New Planes Might Win The War

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
PARIS, May 26 (UP).—"One thousand additional planes now would probably be the turning point in the war."

This declaration was made to-day by General de Chambrin in a trans-Atlantic broadcast to the American Legion.

General de Chambrin expressed the hope that the Americans who had fought side by side with the French 13 years ago would recognise his voice.

"The Allies have been holding," he said, "but a continuous supply of material is vital for victory."

"If we had the necessary planes we could already say that the enemy attack had failed."

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NEW ZEALAND'S WAR COUNCIL

WELLINGTON, May 26 (Reuter).—The Prime Minister, Mr. Peter Fraser, has announced the immediate establishment of a War Council to take charge of New Zealand's war activities.

The Council will consist of members of the Cabinet associated in the war effort, representatives of the Opposition, industrial employers, Trade Unions and farmers.

British Destroyer Sunk In Air Raid

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—The Admiralty announces that the destroyer Wessex, has been lost as a result of damage done by enemy air attacks.

The Wessex was engaged with other naval units off the French coast when the damage occurred.

Six ratings were killed and 15 were wounded.

LETTERS

Pen Friend Wanted

To The Editor,
The "Hongkong Telegraph."
Sir,—I am writing to see if it would be possible for you to obtain a pen friend for me. I would be very thankful if you could manage to grant me this small favour.

I am sixteen years old and go to the Methodist Ladies' College, where I have just completed my Intermediate. I am interested in stamp-collecting, knitting, sports (particularly tennis), gardening, dancing and collecting postcards.

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Racecourse Theft

Man Caught In Act On Saturday

Convicted of the theft of a gold watch and chain, valued at \$300, from a merchant, Chu Shi-ching, in the Public Enclosure of the Hong Kong Jockey Club on Saturday, Luk Yuen-nang, 40, a Shanghai Chinese, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. H. G. Sheldon at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Chu said he was watching a race in progress when he suddenly felt a tug at his watch pocket. He looked at the pocket and discovered his watch and chain gone.

Luk was standing immediately in front of him, and suspecting the man, he grabbed him. A detective approached, searched Luk and found the watch and chain in his hand.

Luk denied stealing, and said Chu had picked the watch up from the ground and accused him of stealing it.

Det. Sgt. J. Bentley produced a previous conviction against Luk for a similar offence, and said the man was undoubtedly a professional pick-pocket.

Luk was recommended for banishment.

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12.30 Mozart—Sonata in D Major for 2 Pianos.

Wiener and Doucet (Two Pianos).

12.45 Songs from Mozart's Operas.

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.05 The Hallyhoolligans.

1.15 Duke Ellington and His Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press.

Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Close down.

2.15 "For the Children."

6.0 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.30 Old English Music.

7.02 Elgar—Enigma Variations, Op. 36.

The B. B. C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Adrian Boult.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 This week's programmes.

8.07 Gerahwin—An American in Paris.

8.15 New Light—Symphony Orchestra with George Gerahwin.

8.24 Songs by Turner Layton at the Piano.

8.34 Dance Music.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay—"I Believe in Democracy."

Talk by Dr. A. D. Lindsay.

9.45 B.B.C. Recording—"Coronation Diary."

Written and produced by Pascoe Thornton.

10.10 Orchestral and Band Selections.

10.30 Excerpts from Musical Comedy.

11.0 Close down.

French Pilots Fighting Fantastic Odds

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
PARIS, May 26 (UP).—"Our sky must remain French." This is the substance of an Order of the Day issued last night by General Vuillemin, Chief of the French Aviation Service, to the French pilots who have been struggling against overwhelming odds since the German blitzkrieg began.

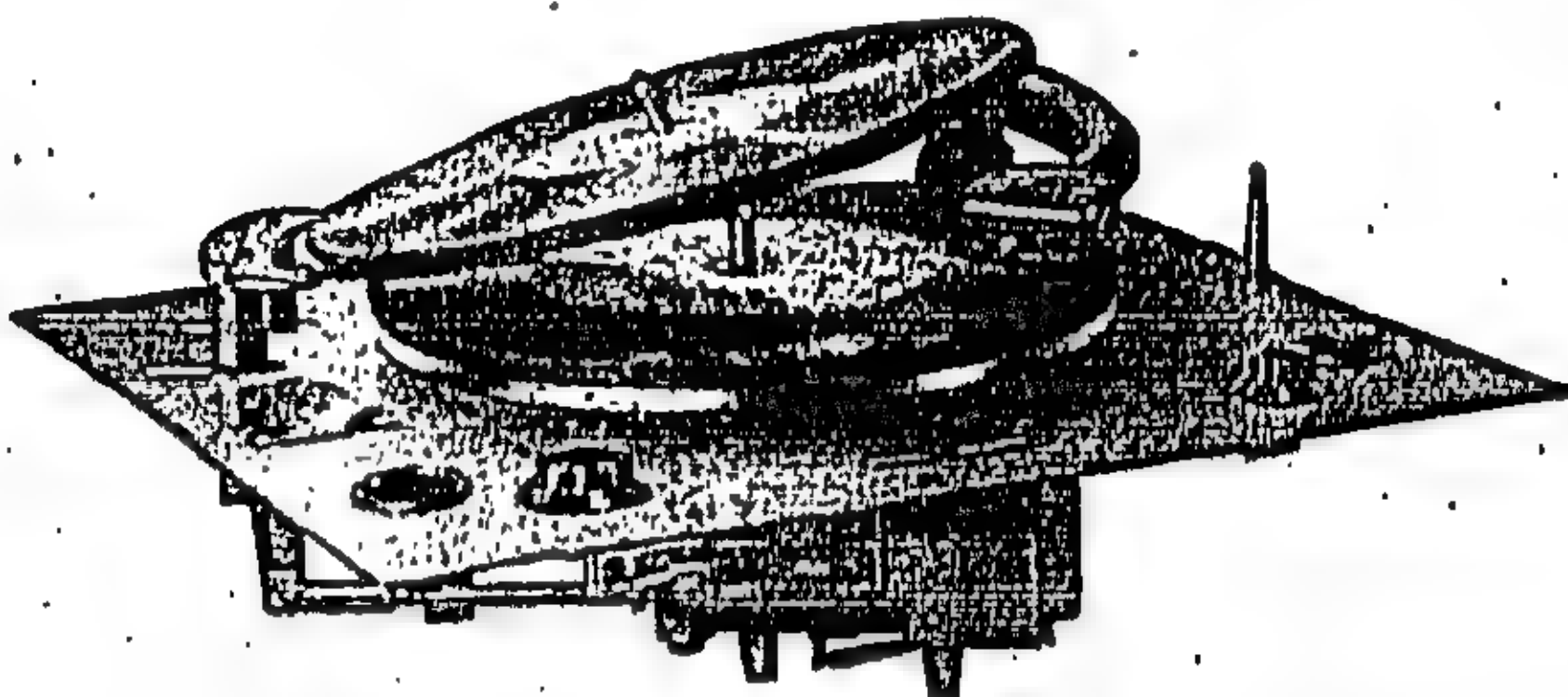
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DEATH

GOMES. — Mrs. F. R. Gomes
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Road, 1st Floor, Kowloon aged
74 years. Funeral will pass the
Monument at 8.30 p.m. to-
morrow, May 28. (Shanghai,
Manila and Macau papers
please copy). No flowers by re-
quest. Donations to St. Vincent
de Paul or St. Raphael Societies.The
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"That Hyena"

Some of the frankest and most
vigorous things said about the Nazis
and the war have been uttered by
our soldiers and sailor men. Poli-
ticians are usually restrained by long
habit; fighting men see things as they
are and are not afraid to speak their
minds.Major-General Sir Ernest Swinton
is one of those plain speakers. He
said that to those who had been
writing to him in advocacy of an im-
mediate peace his answer was,
"What! With that hyena Hitler? I
mean it. He is a hyena and a hyena
is a very nasty animal." As to ap-
proaching the German people, added
the General, "It is the whole German
race we are up against—man, woman,
cat, and dog, and rat. The sooner
we realise that in a matter like this
war there are no 'good' Germans the
quicker we shall end the war in the
only possible way—an Allied victory."As for the military situation as it
has now developed, Sir Ernest quoted
the incident told of that shrewd old
Boer, Oom Paul Kruger, after the
Jameson Raid. Asked why he did
not act when he knew of what was
brewing, he replied, "When you want
to cut the head off a torolol you wait
till he puts his head out of the shell."
Hitler, said Sir Ernest, had been
forced by events in Germany to put
his head out, and in doing so he had
committed a strategical error.The General used yet another
creature of the animal world to ex-
press his views. He said that the
example of Norway might encourage
other small neutrals, who had so far
been covering like rabbits in front
of a bon-constrictor.

Italian Threats

The change in the tone of the
Italian Press since the Nazi invasion
of the Lowlands is rather hard to
understand. The only thing on
which commentators agree is that it
should not be taken at its face value.This assumes that the Duce is no
more eager than he was some months
ago to abandon the advantages of
"non-belligerency." As for the
Italian people, their dread of war
leaves no room for doubt.
The lesson of recent naval events,
coupled with Mr. Churchill's re-
minder to all whom it may concern,
that the Allies are well able to safe-
guard their position in the Mediter-
ranean besides the North Sea, cannot
have been lost on Rome.It is contrary to Italy's interest, as
to that of everyone else, that Hitler
should go step by step to European
mastery. Yet the Nazis' invasions
have been made the occasion for
instructions to the Fascist Press to
take a stronger line against the
Allies.We are asked to believe that the
"iron-bellied" may come off his
perch. If it is intended to do so, the
likelihood is that the change of status
would have been accompanied by the
utmost secrecy.THE LATEST MENACE
FROM THE AIRBy
Dr. LIN WO-CHIANGWITH the large scale
use of parachute
troops by the Ger-
mans in the present war and
their recent threat that for
every German parachutist
shot down ten Allied prison-
ers of war would be shot, the
world is facing a new prob-
lem in air warfare.The abuses, without pre-
cedents, of the parachutes
together with questions of
the legal status of the para-
chutists in this war, make a
reasting or revision of our
customary conceptions of
the parachutes and the
parachutists necessary.This article is written more
with a view to opening the dis-
cussion, rather than to express-
ing any final opinion, on such
vital topics.The time is not yet ripe to
do so. Here I intended only to
give a brief survey of the ap-
pearance of the parachute and
the role played by the para-
chutists in the past; the employ-
ment of parachute in the last
war; and the novel application
of this apparatus in more recent
wars which creates new legal
problems.

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THE parachute was invented
primarily as a safety device for
air travellers, as such it may be
regarded as the lifebuoy or life
belt of the air.An Italian scientist, Leonard
da Vinci, is credited as the first
inventor of the parachute. His
design for this is found in his
sketchbook, the *Codex Atlan-
ticus* (1940), now preserved in
the Ambrosian Library at Milan.In making the plans for a fly-
ing machine and the parachute,
he declared: "There shall be
wings! If the accomplishment
be not for me, 'tis for some
other. The spirit cannot lie;
and man, who shall know all
and shall have wings, shall indeed be
as a god."Little did Vinci imagined 450
years ago that man, instead of
being raised to the height of a
"god," has descended from the
air as a monstrous spectre,
through abusing the child of his
inventive brain.We hear very little about the
parachute until the coming of
the balloons towards the end of
the 18th century. The first re-
corded successful parachute des-
cends were made by Lenormand
from a tower in 1783 and by
Blanchard from a balloon in
1797.In the same year another
Frenchman, Andre Garnier de-
scended near Paris from a height
of 1½ mile. In 1802 he re-
peated the experiment in Eng-
land, entertaining a big London
crowd on the Volunteers' Ground
near Grosvenor Square by drop-
ping 8,000 feet.Professional entertainers were
not slow in utilising the para-
chute to draw public attention
and enriching themselves by their
acrobatic exhibitions, after it had
been demonstrated beyond doubt
that it was safe to descend from
a parachute.Considering how rare was air
travel in the last century it was
natural that the function of the
parachute as a safety device
should have been usurped by that
of public entertainments.The "lady parachute jumpers"
were a popular attraction at the
county fairs. Thus it seemed
clear that up to the end of last
century the parachute was prin-
cipally used for the purposes of
entertainments and sports.
Throughout this period the para-
chute had preserved its "cultural"
character, using "cultural" (not
"kultur," however) in the broad-
est sense of the word. For I
have come across practically no
cases where it was used in con-
nection with war.WHEN the war came in 1914
the life-saving feature of the
parachute was developed to the
full.At first it was employed in as-
sociation with the observation
balloon, to insure the escape of
the observer in the basket from
the burning balloon.How often this was resorted to
may be seen from the fact that
during the Argonne offensive
alone, the American observers
made thirty parachute jumps.It was said that during the War
750 British officers and 800 French
saved themselves from burning
balloons. The balloons were then
favourite targets for German
bombs and machine guns.In the last year of the War, the
use of parachute was extended to
the aeroplanes to save the lives
of the aviators. Usually when
hostile aeroplanes met, one of the
combatants, or possibly both,
came down in flames or with their
planes disabled so that the occu-
pants were killed regardless of
whether the pilots themselves had
been hit by bullets.The parachute was said to have
been first adopted by the German
air force, Captain Sarrat, a
French officer, was the first air-
man of the Allies to use a para-
chute for saving himself from a
damaged plane in July 1918.
During the War it was also
utilized subsidiarily with the
aeroplanes in connection with
what was known as the "airplane
flare."Major E. A. Powell, of the
United States Army, tells us what
this is: "This flare, which
weighs thirty-five pounds, is con-
tained in a cylindrical case of
sheet-iron about four feet long
and five inches in diameter. The
flare consists of an illuminating
candle, capable of giving 82,000
candle power for approximately
ten minutes, which is attached to
a silk parachute twenty feet in
diameter. The 'airplane-flare'
is used particularly for night-
bombing raids, the aviators thus
being enabled to illuminate the
objectives so that they could
accurately drop their bombs.This was perhaps the most
"deadly" of all uses of which the
parachute had been put to, dur-
ing the last war.

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IN the twenty years or there-
about after the War, we saw no
more alarming signs than that
the parachute should serve
humanity as a safety device,
until the craze of the Soviet
mass parachute jumping pro-
jected itself before our eyes.Those years were consecrated
to the perfection of the parachute
to insure the safety of the crew
and passengers of the commer-
cial planes, the cadets or students
undergoing a flying course and
similar peaceful purposes. The
Irvin types of parachute, as it is
to-day, is a comfort (because you
can sit on the "seat-pack") and a
beauty, when it is fully opened
in the sky. The most extraordi-
nary performance exacted from the
parachute at this time was the de-
signing of one approximately one
hundred feet in diameter to lower a
disabled aeroplane safely to the
ground.As far as training was concerned,
the cadets in both the naval and army
aviation schools have never been
taught abnormal use of the parachute.
Take the American courses of instruc-
tion, for instance. The students are
usually given about four hours in-
struction on the parachute: one hour
in packing, storing and care; one hour
in methods of wearing, and of leav-
ing plane; two hours in practical pack-
ing and adjusting of parachutes.
There has never been anything in this
training to indicate that hostile use
of the parachute was ever contemplated.
But this state of things cannot last
very long; for good or for worse,
aviation is progressing by leaps and
bounds.Around the year 1935, the world
was at first mildly startled on being
informed of the enthusiasm displayed
by the Russians in mass parachute
jumping as a sport, in which hundreds
and thousands of parachutists partici-
pated.The surprise was soon turned into
uneasiness, when it was next told that
in one of the military manoeuvres of
the Soviet Army, 2,500 men with
machine-guns had dropped within a
given area, followed by 3,000 more,with parts enabling field-pieces to be
assembled and in operation within a
few minutes.This spectacular and aggressive em-
ployment of the parachutes by Soviet
Russia immediately found apt imita-
tors in Italy and Germany, who tried
to emulate her in the training and or-
ganisation of what is known as "para-
chute corps" with tragical conse-
quences, as wars these Powers carried
into Albania, Poland, Finland, Hol-
land and Belgium, testify.

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AS far as I can remember, the
so-called "parachute corps" was
first used by Italy against poor
little Albania, when the latter
country was invaded. Then it
was the turn of Poland to have
a taste of the German "para-
chute corps," in September,
1939.According to the description of a
Polish army officer, who was an eye-
witness of the German activities in
the air, the German parachutists were
dropped behind the Polish lines,
where they proceeded to carry out
sabotage work, destroy communica-
tions and signal to their own troops,
usually in the disguise of Polish uni-
forms.In January, this year, Soviet Russia
commenced to use her parachute
troops in her campaign in Finland.
These parachutists, besides performing
most of the acts done by the Germans
in Poland, were, in some cases, equip-
ped with short wave wireless sets for
the purposes of sending back military
information. There was no report of
disguising in the Finnish war as far
as Russians were concerned.

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IT is apparent that with
these aggressor nations, the
"parachute corps" is fast becom-
ing an established institution.It is no use shutting our eyes to the
fact. Both, Holland and Belgium
came in for their full share of the bit-
terness and horror; it is possible for
combatant parachutists to perpetrate.These service men have, through
the abuse of the parachute, forfeited
the rights hitherto enjoyed by avi-
ators.From now on, they should be men-
tioned or treated not simply as "para-
chutists," but with qualifying words,
such as "combatant," "fighter," or
"armed" parachutists, when they are
in the uniforms of their country; and
as "spies," when they are found in
disguise.I have no doubt that a more fitting
name will soon be found for these air
effectives, enabling us to call a spade
a spade.

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KEEPING HIS BALANCE

German Losses of Past 48 Hours Described As Staggering ALLIES HOLD INVADERS AS 'MOPPING-UP' BEGINS

Channel Fighting

CALAIS HELD BY ALLIED FORCES

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—It was confirmed in London to-night that Allied troops are still holding Calais.

Fighting side by side with Allied troops, the B.E.F. have repulsed all enemy attacks and are fighting magnificently.

Nazi Claim Denied
LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—German claims that Calais is in German hands are declared in authoritative circles in London to be without foundation.

It is added that, as has been emphasised from both British and French sources, Calais remains in the possession of the Allies.

Coast Ports Firmly Held
PARIS, May 26 (Reuter).—According to military circles here, French troops are firmly holding the ports of Calais, Dunkirk and Zeebrugge.

A fierce battle has been raging all day on either side of Valenciennes, where the Germans launched two strong attacks this morning (Sunday).

No indication of the final outcome of these battles can yet be given, but it was reported late this afternoon that French troops had repulsed all German attacks and that they had inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. At other points on the front, the Germans have failed to break through the positions of the Allied armies in the north, either on the River Lys in the region of Courtrai or in the west.

Above all, the day was one of aerial activity. Both the British and French air forces were extremely active, carrying out intense bombing operations over the whole region of the north, as well as the German rear and on Nazi columns on the march.

Warships Aid Defence
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

LONDON, May 26 (UP).—The British Navy again successfully joined in the defence of the Channel ports to-day, when big warships lined up off Boulogne and fired over the city on a German column moving towards the coast.

The fire of the naval guns was directed by units of the Fleet Air Arm, which subsequently reported that the column had been wiped out.

Successful Rome Visit

Sir Wilfred Greene Due To Return

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—The Ministry of Economic Warfare announces that the Master of Rolls, Sir Wilfred Greene, is due to return from Rome this morning.

Sir Wilfred Greene has been attending a meeting in Rome of the Anglo-Italian Joint Standing Committee on matters relating to contraband control.

The proposals made by the Italian authorities in this connection are regarded by him as affording a very satisfactory basis for agreement. British and Italian representatives are engaged in working out the details in Rome.

"TELEGRAPH'S" WAR MAP

As a correspondent has kindly pointed out, the full page map of the Western Front reproduced on the "Telegraph" on Saturday has incorrect boundaries. Inasmuch as Alsace and Lorraine are shown inside Germany instead of being French territory.

The map, with certain modifications, was based on a large-scale map of the fighting zones in the World War, before Alsace and Lorraine reverted to their Motherland. Our processing department omitted to make the necessary modification in this sector.

Readers who are retaining the copies as published on Saturday, or those who intend to purchase additional art paper copies, (which are on sale at 80 cents each) are requested to note this discrepancy. At the same time, the "Telegraph" apologises to its many French friends.

By RALPH HEINZEN
UNITED PRESS WAR CORRESPONDENT

PARIS, MAY 26 (UP).—THE GAP IN THE ALLIED LINES BETWEEN BAPAUME AND PERONNE WAS STILL OPEN TO-NIGHT.

The battle for the Channel ports, however, has turned in the Allies' favour with General Von Reichenau's main motorised army held at St. Omer and Arras.

FIVE MAJOR ATTACKS

General Weygand, who returned from an aerial inspection of the northern Allied armies, was quoted to-night as being particularly satisfied with the morale and combative qualities of those troops after they had fought off three major German attacks yesterday and two more to-day without ceding any terrain or allowing a German break through on the Lys front.

TERRIFIC TOLL IN POCKET

Allied artillery and aviation took terrific toll of German dead inside the pocket and among the Reichenau divisions beyond Artois.

The German casualties have been greater during the past 48 hours than at any time in the 17 days of the German drive so far.

This seems to support the contention that Hitler's orders to the Reich's General Staff were to "attack without counting losses."

BLINDED DIVISIONS

General Von Reichenau's blinded divisions turned northward to-day beyond Arras.

He Fought A Dozen Nazi Planes With Damaged Machine

LONDON, May 26, (British Wireless).—A young New Zealander fighter pilot has just brought his damaged Hurricane safe to England from France after an extraordinary experience.

The aircraft was severely damaged before the pilot left on his journey home. His gunights were gone and the only instruments working were his compass, oil temperature and press gauges. He had his eight machine-guns loaded with only ordinary ammunition. The starboard petrol tank was leaking, so he decided to land at an aerodrome in northern France to refuel before continuing his flight to England.

When approaching the aerodrome, he saw that a part of the town nearby was in flames, and just as he was preparing to come down, he observed two Dornier 215 begin a dive-bombing attack on the aerodrome.

Two Dornier Victims
Immediately he got on the tail of one and gave it two short bursts. There was no doubt that he had hit the enemy aircraft although he had no gunights.

The second German machine tried to escape in the clouds but the Hurricane pilot followed it, blazing away with his gun.

Having got rid of the two Dorniers, the New Zealander was about to land when he was attacked by a number of Messerschmitt fighters. Unable to cope with all of them immediately, he climbed the town for about ten minutes, giving them occasional bursts.

When he landed at the aerodrome, he found his starboard tank spouting petrol. He had his port tank fuelled and, with a bayonet, widened the holes in the punctured tank to allow the fuel to escape.

Almost Hopeless
Then he took off again with only 20 rounds left in each of his eight machine guns. "With only that small amount of ammunition I was almost hopeless," he said later. "It was just my luck to run into another formation of six Messerschmitts when I was practically out of petrol. Anyway I gave the leader a burst as he came head-on for me. I am sure I hit him and I dived down past him towards the ground. After that I just put my skates on for home."

The aircraft was decorated with a coat-of-arms the pilot designed himself. It incorporates most of the unlucky signs. In the centre is the figure 13 and round it, a broken mirror, a sketch of a man walking under a ladder and another showing three cigarettes being lit from one match. Under this challenge to bad luck, the New Zealander printed this inscription: "What the Hell."

Ridiculous Nazi Claim

Raids On 'Dromes In England Denied

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—"Reuter" learns that the German communiqué claim to have bombed aerodromes in England is ridiculous. In well-informed circles, it is presumed that the Germans refer to the raids in Yorkshire and

MASS NAZI OFFENSIVE IN NORTH But Allied Lines Hold Firmly

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—The British General Headquarters have issued a communiqué stating that there has been no serious attack to-day on the British Front.

The enemy launched a strong offensive against the Belgian forces on our left. The British troops have gone to the assistance of the Allies.

There have been heavy bombing attacks on towns in the back areas. The events of the last few days have not impaired the courage and resource of the British soldier.

Saturday's Offensive

PARIS, May 26 (Reuter).—A military spokesman states that the German attacks on the Allied armies in Belgium on Saturday were full-blooded offensives in which artillery, aircraft and tanks participated.

In the attack on Lys the opposing forces swung backwards and forwards but finally the original positions were fully maintained.

Attacks Completely Fail
Two other attacks were also launched on fronts from six to ten miles wide. Both attacks completely failed.

A special announcement broadcast from Berlin claimed that an aircraft carrier had been bombed and sunk off the Norwegian coast.

Well-informed circles in London state that there is no truth whatever in this claim.

Nazi Onslaughts Fail

PARIS, May 26 (Reuter).—A French Military spokesman said to-day that the British, French and Belgian armies have been successfully battling back enemy attempts to break through.

Weygand Confident
PARIS, May 26 (Reuter).—President Lebrun has signed the order dismissing many high Police officials in northern France.

Seven infantry colonels have been appointed temporary Brigadiers-General.

General Weygand, the Allied Commander-in-Chief, is reported to be satisfied, confident and full of hope.

The price at which the German advance has been gained is stressed in Paris. The German losses have been three times those of the Allies. East Anglia which were fully reported by the Air Ministry.

In these raids no damage was done beyond that already reported.

Wounded Ruthlessly Bombed

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—Three hospital ships arrived at a south coast port to-day with several hundred wounded from France.

Fourteen died on the way across.

A seaman on one of the ships said the Germans severely bombed the harbour from which they sailed on Saturday, and bombs dropped less than 300 feet away as the wounded were being taken aboard.

Fires were raging in the town and they could see flames and smoke when many miles out at sea.

Japanese Planes Shot Down

Sequel To Big Raid On Chungking

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

CHUNGKING, May 27 (UP).—Two of the Japanese bombers which raided Chungking yesterday were shot down by Chinese pursuit planes, it was officially announced last night.

One of the Japanese bombers fell near Chienkiang, 120 miles east of Chungking.

An official announcement states that 180 Japanese bombers participated in yesterday's raids on Szechuan province.

Chungking Claims

CHUNGKING, May 27 (Central).—Two Japanese planes, and a heavy bomber and the other a fighter, were shot down over Chungking yesterday afternoon in a furious air battle.

The Japanese sent over 70 machines—the heaviest concentration since the start of the present "bombing season."

One of the Chinese pilots, Kao Yu-sing, was the hero of the day. He accounted for one of the Japanese raiders after a relentless duel. His own machine was riddled by machine-gun fire.

Kao Yu-sing shot down the Japanese machine over Siao-kwan-yin-chiao, 94 kilometres south-east of Chungking.

The other machine which was shot down, a heavy bomber, met the cross-fire of several Chinese pursuit planes and came down in a cloud of smoke above the Chien River.

MINESWEEPING TRAWLER SUNK

LONDON, May 26 (British Wireless).—The Secretary of the Admiralty announces that H.M. minesweeping trawler Charles Boyes has been sunk by an enemy mine.

The Commanding Officer, one Officer and 13 ratings are missing and it is feared that they have lost their lives.

Allies closing the gap at Artois.

The arrival of these fresh troops to reinforce the very tired Germans, who have been in continuous action for 17 days without a break and with only tinned food and almost no sleep, was felt chiefly along the northern edge of the pocket along the Lys and Escaut rivers.

It was there that the Germans hammered the Allies most of to-day and yesterday.

Nazi Completely Checked

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
PARIS, May 26 (UP).—According to a high French military source, the Allies have met with considerable defensive success as a result of last night's battle.

The German advance in the north has been completely checked with heavy losses to the enemy.

The Belgian Army bivouacked three German attacks on Courtrai. It has been confirmed that the French still hold Boulogne and Calais. Heavy fighting is in progress south of these Channel ports.

It is now known that 1935 saw four other divisions created, of which another was blinded. In 1936 six normal and one blinded divisions were formed. In the succeeding years 8, 6 and 8 normal divisions plus 10 reserve divisions were formed and last September 40 Landwehr divisions were created by general mobilisation and 60 training divisions were set up to serve as depot divisions and for the instruction of conscripts.

Nazi Reinforcements

The official French War Office analyst reported to-night that the German High Command had withdrawn divisions from the Swiss frontier and from the Silesian Line itself to throw into the Battle of Flanders in an effort to prevent the

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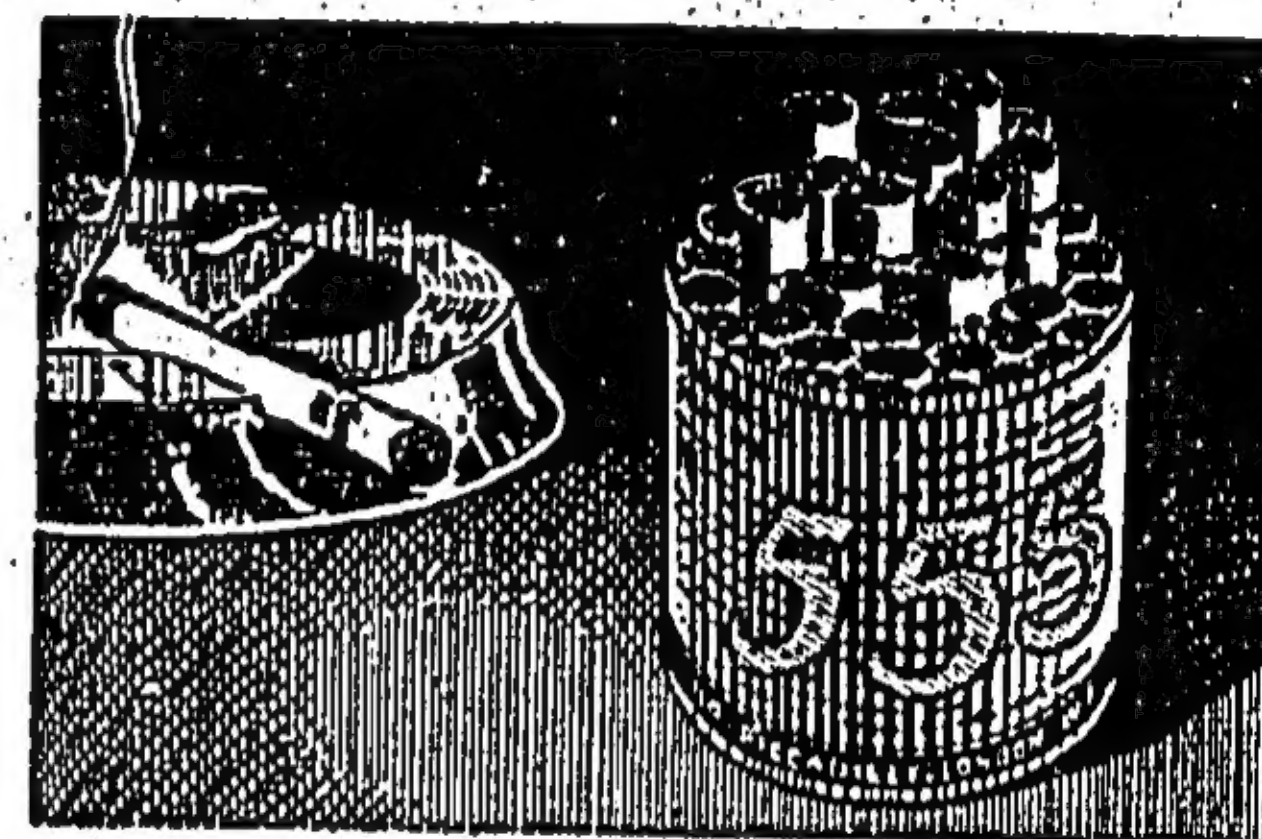
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"Possible" Recorded By L. Jordan's Rink In Third Division

THE ONLY SURPRISE result in the First Division of the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday was the defeat of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club by the Civil Service C.C. by 66 shots to 60. As predicted, the Indian R.C. were no match for the champions, Club de Recreo "A," and were beaten by 77 shots to 51.

Though it was expected that the Kowloon Cricket Club-Craigengower match would be close, it was also expected that the home team would have had the slight advantage, and the result, therefore, in the Valley team's favour was something of another surprise.

Winning the traditional bottles of whiskey, presented by Messrs. Gando Price and Co., for "possibles" and sevens, L. Jordan's rink (H. Spong, C. E. Langley and P. A. Peckham) laid claim to four bottles with their "possible" against B. Evans' rink in the Kowloon B. G. C. Kowloon F.C. Third Division match. Jordan scored this on the eighth end to lead by 18-6.

Two further bottles went to C. G. Silva's rink (Recreo v. I.R.C.) and to M. R. Abbas' rink in the same match. Silva finished with a seven on the 20th end to beat A. K. Minu 20-14, while Abbas recorded his seven at the 14th end when being led 8-18 by F. X. Silva. The latter won by 25-24.

CLOSE FINISH

The Kowloon-Craigengower match was the closest. E. Kern beat C. S. Rossell 18-16, while F. Goodwin tied 22-21 with R. Bass. Kowloon had thus a one shot lead on the first two rinks, but U. M. Omar, the C.C.C. and Interport skip, proved equal to the occasion and finished his match with a lead of three shots, the score being 25-23. At one period E. C. Fincher, the Kowloon skip, was led 24-0, but with 3,4,2,3,1 crept up to 22-24, at which stage U. M. Omar laid one.

SURPRISE

H. Strange, winning 10-16, and J. F. McGowan, winning 24-20, gave the Civil Servants a 7-shot lead as a result of the first two games against the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, and though A. M. Holland (K.B.G.C.) led F. Jones by 20-13 at one period, Jones scored 3,2,1,3 to take a 22-20 lead on the 10th. Holland proceeded to record a four, and on the last end, Jones scored one and was beaten 24-23.

The scores in brief were:

FIRST DIVISION

Recreo "A"	77	Indian R.C.	51
Kowloon C.C.	63	Craigengower	65
Civil Service C.C.	60	K.B.G.C.	60
Recreo "B"	70	Police	59
Hongkong F.C.	56	Kowloon Docks	72
SECOND DIVISION			
Craigengower	71	Kowloon F.C.	40
K.B.G.C.	64	Talkoo	66
Police	63	Kowloon	60

Table Tennis Exhibition

Chinese Y.M.C.A. will be the venue of some delightful table tennis this evening at 7.30 p.m. when the Cheng brothers, Cheng Pit-fat and Cheng Pit-hin, doubles champion of Saigon, will meet local exponents of the game in a series of matches arranged in aid of the Friends of Chinese Wounded Soldiers Movement.

The evening will commence with singles matches between Chiu Chit-fat and Pit-fat, Leung Chik-fai and Pit-hin, to be followed by a doubles exhibition between Liu Sik-cheong and Lee Wing-shui, last year's Colony doubles champions, and the Cheng brothers.

Other singles matches will be against Lau Kwok-chui, Leo Chun-hung (Confucious), Lai Shui-hon, Lee Chu-shin (Y.M.C.A.) and Leung Chik-fai, Wong Shui-sang (Mei Shing).

Bradford Win Rugby League Championships

LONDON, May 25 (Reuter).—Bradford won the Yorkshire Rugby League championship to-day when they beat Swinton by 16 points to 9 in the final match.

In the first round of the Yorkshire Rugby League Cup, Dewsbury beat York by 23 points to 14.

In the East Lancashire Cup competition, Salford trounced Leigh by 60 points to 8, while in the only friendly encounter Oldham beat Halifax by 15 points to 9.

THIRD DIVISION

Civil Service	58	Tong	57
Kowloon C.C.	78	Recreo	70
Electric	69	Prison	50
Craigengower	73	Indian R.C.	42
Hongkong C.C.	48	Hongkong F.C.	84
K.B.G.C.	67	Kowloon F.C.	58

Home Football

Fourth Round Matches For League Cup

LONDON, May 25 (Reuter).—Several big scores were registered in the England and Scottish Regional Football League to-day, Huddersfield beating Darlington 8-2 at home in the North Eastern Section, while Millwall beat Crystal Palace 7-1 and Watford beat Bournemouth 7-1.

Clyde entered the final of the Glasgow Charity Cup Competition when they beat Queen's Park by three corners. Both sides had scored two goals, but the winners forced 11 corners to their opponents' eight. They will now meet Glasgow Rangers in the final.

Blackburn Rovers beat West Bromwich by the odd goal in three in their Football League Cup competition, Fulham and West Ham being other successful teams.

LEAGUE CUP
Fourth Round
Fulham 3 Everton 2
Blackburn Rovers 2 West Bromwich 1
West Ham 1 Birmingham 0
One result not cable.

ENGLISH REGIONALS

NORTH-WESTERN
1 Rochdale 3 Oldham
2 Barrow 3 Carlisle
3 Southport 1 Burnley

SOUTH-WESTERN
1 Newport 4 Cardiff
2 Swindon 4 Swansea

NORTH-EASTERN
1 Bradford 2 York
2 Halifax 3 Bradford City
3 Hartlepool 6 Middlesbrough
4 Huddersfield 8 Darlington

SOUTH A
1 Millwall 7 Crystal Palace

SOUTH C
1 Arsenal 3 Chelsea

SOUTH D
1 Queen's Park R. 3 Wolverhampton
2 Southampton 3 Bournemouth

MIDLAND
1 Leicester 3 Wolverhampton
2 Walsall 3 Coventry

EAST-MIDLAND
1 Sheffield United 3 Doncaster
2 Notts Forest 3 Notts County
3 Mansfield 3 Barnsley

WESTERN
1 Liverpool 3 Manchester City
2 Stockport 3 Chester
3 Stoke 3 Manchester United

FRIENDLY
1 Aldershot 4 Guildford
2 Brentford 2 Brighton
3 Northampton 2 Sheffield Wednesday

SCOTTISH REGIONALS
1 Kilmarnock 1 Ardronians
2 Kilmarnock 1 Rangers
3 Dundee United 3 Dundee
4 Hears 3 Dunfermline

GLASGOW CHARITY CUP
Queen's Park 2 goals and 11 corners v. Clyde 2 goals and 11 corners.—Reuter.

CLYDE 2 goals and 11 corners v. Queen's Park 2 goals and 11 corners.—Reuter.

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Eve of Reason (D. Black up) being led in after winning the Lantau Handicap, the last race on Saturday. Eve of Reason won \$144,278 for Mr. Ko Fook-shing, son of the proprietor of the Oriental Theatre—Ming Yuen.

South China A.A. Win Open Relay Race At Wah Yan Sports Meet

A SLIGHT, persistent drizzle and fresh cross winds failed to deter the Wah Yan Past Students' Association from holding their third annual sports meet at Caroline Hill yesterday, and a fairish crowd lent their support to make it a success.

Events were ticked off, and highlights of the meet were the throwing of the cricket ball, in which several masters of the school participated, and the Open 400 metres relay race, which South China A.A. won in the good time of 46 4/5 seconds.

In the former event the Very Rev. Fr. R. W. Gallagher tied with Mr. Joseph Ng for the shortest distance, while Mr. Arasaratnam stole a march on them, tossing the ball 215 ft. 6 in.

In the invitation tournaments, five teams participated South China A.A., International A.C., Wah Yan, Middlesex and the Royal Scots. South China and the International have each chalked a win over the other in previous meetings, and this was to settle the feud. Sprinkle got off to a bad start and S.C.'s first man sprang into a four yards' lead, which their second man increased to seven yards, Gascara doing his utmost to overtake him.

A. Leonard proved a little more successful with S.C.'s first man and gave the baton to anchor Castro. Castro looked as if he could manage it, but slipped on the home bend, lost his stride and the race by about three yards.

The prizes were distributed by Mrs. Ko Fook-shing, wife of the President of the Wah Yan Old Boys' Association.

Results were as follows:
400 Metres Open Relay—1. South China A.A. (H.K.), 2. Wah Yan College (Kowloon), Time 46 4/5 sec.
Second Wind-kick: 1. Yan Sik-poon, 2. Cheung Wink-kei, 3. Yan Sik-poon. Distance 18 ft. 10 in.

100 Metres—1. Fung Chun-cheung, 2. Cheung Kwan-ming, 3. Wong Wing-kit. Time 14 4/5 sec.
"Little Visitors" Race—1. Kaim Ali, 2. Louis Brown, 3. Chan Ling-lai.
High Jump—Cheng Kwan-ming, 2. Fung Chun-cheung, 3. Wong Wing-kit. Height 4 ft. 8 in.

Throwing Cricket Ball—1. S. Aras, 2. Cheung Wan-chow, 3. Lawler. Distance 200 yds.
200 Metres—Fung Chun-cheung, 2. Cheung Kwan-ming, 3. Leung Kai-ming. Time 2 3/4 sec.
Obstacle Race—1. Tong Shiu-ching, 2. Yan Sik-poon, 3. Ip Ching-ping.
Concussion Race—1. S. Aras, 2. McDonough, 3. Ko Fook-shing.
Tag-of-War—Old Boys beat Present Boys.

Football—Present 2, Past 1.

Chung Hwa Subdue H.K. Baseballers

THE WEEK-END BASEBALL schedule featured two league games and a friendly. On Saturday, Chung Hwa beat the Hongkong Baseballers. On Sunday the Mindanao trounced the R. Engineers, and the Asheville humbled the H.K. Brewery.

The scores were:
Chung Hwa 7 H.K. Baseballers 4
Mindanao 15 R. Engineers 7
Asheville 3 H.K. Brewery 1

Chung Hwa scored one in the first frame, but were held level by the Baseballers in the same inning. In the third inning the Baseballers forged ahead with two runs, but in the fourth the Chung Hwa put the game on ice with four runs. The Mindanao-R. Engineers game was a run-around for the Sailors. The Sappers tried hard but could not hold the hard-hitting blue jackets. Yesterday, the Asheville men took a thrilling victory over the Brewery boys. It was only a friendly game. Asheville took the narrow lead and managed to hold it to the end.

Chinese "Y" Defeat Pui Ying In Last Half Minute Of Game

(By "Guard")

A further six games were decided at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. during last week, the most exciting match was the tussle on Wednesday between the "Y" and Pui Ying, the former nosed out the P.Y.s in the premier cage league in the last half minute left for play, clinching matters with a field goal to make 33-32.

Employing the five men defence play Guard Luk Tat-cheong sneaked in five times to score from underbasket. Centres Wong Wai-ming and Mak Tai-kwong contributed their quota with some excellent field goals. Pui Ying fought a losing battle from the jump, and started the second half with a big handicap. This they quickly reduced and the closing minutes was a keen tussle, with them leading a point, when the final points crushed their hopes.

The curtain raiser of Cheong Hung Hung and Yau Yau was a mad scramble from the jump to the final whistle with little of science but plenty of wasted brawn. Lam Yun-chung, Chan Ho and Chiu Fui-tat did a gallant bit to help their team gain the 53-40 decision, while Yui Chun-yim and Poon Hin-ming laboured valiantly for Yau Yau.

Pui Ying had their cup of bitterness filled when their juniors succumbed to Lo Hong, 40-33, in a keenly fought encounter. Bad luck featured Pui Ying's play as many would-be goals hit the rim of the hoop and bounced off. Lo Hong's set worked well together, but it was left to Lo Hok-shul (12) and Yui Kum-sang (12) to pile up steadily for them.

Wah Kiu Beaten

ON SATURDAY the opening minutes of the top liner, Wah Kiu versus Chung Sing, appeared as if complacent Chung Sing were in for another set-back. However, Wah Kiu was not strong enough, having lost some good energy the past week and proved easy victims going down 72-57.

So Pak-fai played an excellent game at defence for Chung Sing, snaggling passes and giving them cannon-ball fashion to Sun Siu-ling (20), mostly from underbasket. Chan Yiu-cheong wormed his way in and found the basket eight times. Top scorer of the evening, however, was Cheong Yip-lum for Wah Kiu who netted 22 points, and was followed by Foo Hay-cheong (16).

Junior Games

IN THE FIRST JUNIORS' mix-up, Ching Mo disposed of Hung Ying in a tight game, which later developed into a freezing out of Hung Ying, 40-33. Chan Kiu-kei (22) and Leung Kwok Ying (8) were the best Ching Mo's while Lee Wah-hon

Big Sweep Winner

First prize in the Lantau Handicap—\$144,278.40—was won by Mr. Ko Fook-shing with Through Ticket number 1205. Mr. Ko is the son of Mr. Ko Hing, proprietor of the Oriental Theatre, and celebrated his good fortune with a dinner on Saturday night.

played a hard earned 6 goals game for Hung Ying.

In the last junior flare the "Y" burned up Police 46-16. Police gained most of their points from long shots which had more than an element of chance in them. Their team work was deplorable and left everything to be wanted. Wong Chow-ting for the "Y" was top scorer chalking 14 goals for his side.

THE SCORES

Saturday

FIRST DIVISION

Chung Sing 72 Wah Kiu 57

SECOND DIVISION

Ching Mo 48 Hung Ying 36

Wednesday

FIRST DIVISION

Chinese "Y" 33 Pui Ying 32

SECOND DIVISION

Cheong Hung Hung 23 Yau Yau 40

Lai Hong 20 Pui Ying "B" 33

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B 8847	The English rose	Fairy song.
B 8820	For you alone	Because.
Dennis Noble		
B 8894	There'll always be an England	Lords of the Air.
B 8895	We must all stick together	Wings over the Navy.
B 8870	Until	The organ blower.
Paul Robeson		
B 8873	Swing low, sweet chariot	That's why darlings were born.
B 8877	Cobblers song	Blind ploughman.
B 8801	Dear old Southland	Nothin'.
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B 8899	I'm falling in love	Sweetheart.
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Cleveland Overwhelm St. Louis

NEW YORK, May 26 (Reuter).—

Feature of the American League baseball programme to-day was the overwhelming defeat of the St. Louis Browns by the Cleveland Indians. In a second match, Washington Senators nosed out the Philadelphia Athletics by 4-3 in a ten innings tie.

The scores were:

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Philadelphia	3	H. I. E.
Washington	10	2
(Ten innings played. Johnson homered for the Athletics and Wels for the Senators).		

Cleveland 13 St. Louis 0 (Trosky homered for the Indians).

New York 7 Boston 0

The Detroit-Chicago game was postponed on account of rain.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Brooklyn	2	4	1
Philadelphia	1	0	0
Chicago	2	0	8
Pittsburgh	3	0	0
Boston	8	12	0
New York	10	11	0
St. Louis	0	1	1
Cincinnati	4	11	0
(Derringer pitched).			

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Nazis' 4 To 1 Losses In New Air Battles BIG SUCCESSES BY THE R.A.F.

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry states that between 5.30 and 9.30 this morning, R.A.F. squadrons shot down at least 20 enemy bombers and fighters, and put another 20 out of action.

There were only five British casualties. A continuous air battle was fought over the French coast between Calais and Dunkirk.

The pilots reported that "the air was filled with aircraft."

Troop-trains and important railway junctions in north-west Germany and enemy occupied areas were successfully bombed during Friday night's extensive operations.

Attacking the aerodrome at Flushing at midnight, the R.A.F. caused considerable damage to the hangars. They dropped incendiary bombs which started many fires. These fires were still burning two hours later.

The bridges over the canal which links the Meuse and Rhine rivers were bombed from a low altitude and were badly damaged. Other aircraft were heavily bombed in north Geldern, a few miles from Germany.

Trains Destroyed
A troop train and a goods train were destroyed. Ten machine-guns on the roof of the train opened fire.

A member of the bomber crew said, "We ran through a curtain of green tracer bullets and dropped a salvo."

"The noise was deafening. We saw large bits of the carriages and trucks flying in all directions."

Railway junctions at Jemelle, Libramont and Recogne were attacked. A large explosion followed the bombing of an ammunition dump and a petrol depot.

A train was bombed on a viaduct near Namur. A direct hit caused half of the train to disappear.

Many other convoys were bombed and machine-gunned.

Railway Junction Affair
The railway junction at Louvain was set on fire. The railway junction at San Quentin was heavily bombed. Attacks were also made on marshalling yards and aerodromes in Germany.

One pilot, who successfully bombed an aerodrome in north-east Dortmund, reported on his return that he had seen a blazing fire on the Ruhr. This showed that another raid had found his target.

Saturday's Activities
On Saturday, the R.A.F. hit hard in a series of daylight raids.

The raids took place over a wide area and they also bombed pontoon and road bridges along the Belgian front.

Two hundred bombs were dropped upon a long column of supply lorries near Boulogne.

Then the attackers dived to 80 feet and scattered smaller bombs. The main road and bridge over Lys were demolished and two pontoon bridges were attacked. One was wrecked and the other was badly damaged. The approaches to the bridges were blocked.

Large bodies of German troops which were massing to the rear of the bridges were destroyed.

SITUATION ANALYSED

Military Expert On Lowlands Invasion

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—A broad analysis of German strategy and tactics in the invasion of the Low Countries was given to-day by Captain Cyril Falls, the military correspondent of "The Times."

Summarising briefly what had happened, Captain Falls said that the French and British troops moved into Belgium when the invasion began and took over the southern part of the main Belgian life of defence which runs along the Meuse from the French frontier, to Namur and then across to Antwerp.

The Germans launched a tremendous attack on the Meuse from Dinant southwards crushing and isolating the French troops at Valenciennes and leaving the British right flank uncovered.

Gaps Not Yet Closed
That gap has not yet been closed. To-day it extends from the south-east of Arras to Amiens. Through it German mechanised troops have proceeded to the coast.

Now the broad outline of the German aim? How did they set about it?

Personally, Captain Falls continued, he thought that the enemy expected the Allies to march into Belgium. He did not try to stop it. He carried out some bombing but not enough to interrupt the march.

The idea seemed to be to separate the British and Belgian troops and certain French units from the main French armies, just as the Germans had already separated the Belgians and the Dutch troops.

The other part of the aim was to reach the Channel ports.

Hand-Maid Of Tactics
Captain Falls said that he was not particularly criticising his own strategy for our move was inevitable if we were to be loyal to our principles.

Strategy, although it sounds more scientific than tactics, was really a hand-maid of tactics. The German plan would have been rash to the point of craziness if it had not also been supported by the power of assisting weapons and the system of co-ordinating them.

Their bomber planes, which have done work which the heavy artillery cannot hope to keep up, have been used to blast a way through which the tanks can proceed.

Only Tactical Defeat
Perhaps we should have realised this after the war in Poland. We did realise it but we did not realise its terrific scale.

That is the black side of the picture. At the same time, the troops get used to any form of surprise attack.

Then, too, the great difficulty of long-range operations keep up the "impulse."

We have had tactical defeat and have suffered reverse but the campaign is not over.

In fact it has just reached the critical stage. Our hopes still lie in the fighting qualities of our land, sea and air troops and the skill and wisdom of General Weygand. We shall not be conquered even if we lose this phase of the campaign.

Japan's War Supplies May Be Cut-Off

WASHINGTON, May 26 (Reuter).—The defence requirements of the United States threaten to cut off the supplies of war materials to Japan, including scrap metal.

The House of Representatives has already agreed to amend the Military Defence Bill authorising the curtailment of military equipment, machinery and munitions.

The passing of the amendment by the Senate is regarded as practically certain.

Gave False Information

Cock And Bull Story To Police Costs \$50

Chan Hung, one of two men who were charged before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfarlane at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court to-day with misleading the Police by giving false information was fined \$50 or a month's hard labour.

Wong Pui, 30, denied the charge and was discharged as his plea was accepted.

Tried To Get Money
Inspector A. E. Carey said on Saturday morning Wong took Chan to the Hungnam Police Station to see a police officer, and they were in turn taken to the Yau-mat Police Station. There, Chan made a statement to the effect that he knew four men who were going to commit a robbery in a house in Hungnam district. Subsequently, Chan confessed that this story was not true.

Inspector Carey said Chan did this to get money. A detective had already paid out \$1.

WOMAN IS MENACED

Stiff Prison Sentence For Assaultment

"I shall do what I can to discourage such victimisation of women," said Mr. H. G. Sheldon at the Central Magistracy this morning, when he sentenced Leung Tai-ngau, 32, unemployed, to six months' hard labour on a charge of demanding \$4 by means of menaces from Lal Kam, a 21-year-old woman, in Wanchai on May 24.

On a further charge of assault, Leung was sentenced to a further three months' hard labour.

Lal said that some days ago, Leung had demanded \$20 from her as a fee for joining a certain society. She did not have the money, and after going away, Leung returned and struck her a blow. On May 24, he again approached her, and she handed him \$4. A few hours later, defendant returned and accused her of failing to give him any commission for bringing a European customer to her. He then struck her a blow. She reported the matter to the Police, and Leung was arrested the following day.

Why She Paid Money
Asked why she had given \$4 to defendant, Lal said—she did so in order to avoid further trouble.

Another woman, Chan Pik-wan, said she saw the assaults by Leung on Lal, and also heard him demand \$20 from Lal to join a Triad Society.

On Leung being convicted, Det.-Sgt. J. Bentley said reports were made daily to the Police in Wanchai regarding such cases of assault under threats.

PARACHUTISTS OBLITERATED

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—A wounded soldier who has just returned from the front tells how his unit turned Bren machine-guns on German parachutists as they floated down.

A score of them were dead before they hit the ground.

"I saw a dozen in women's clothes," he said. "We got them all."

Red-Crosses Removed

Americans Forced To Take Unusual Step

PARIS, May 26 (Reuter).—The red-crossed painted roofs of American ambulances operating in the war zone have been removed.

The American Ambulance Committee stated: "All our drivers agree that these Red Crosses only excite the malicious attention of the German flyers."

Deliberate Attacks
"In the last ten days, German planes have been bombing and machine-gunning our ambulances even when flying as low as 60 feet when a mistake is out of the question."

There is still no news of two American ambulances which entered Amiens on May 19 when the town was violently bombed.

King Stays With Troops

Belgium To Carry On Her Defence

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—The King of the Belgians is in the midst of his troops and the Government is remaining with their Sovereign, declared M. Hymans, former Belgian Foreign Minister, in a statement to the Belgian news agency.

M. Hymans added that when the German attack began on May 10, the Belgian Army, which had been on guard at the frontier for six months, amounted to 700,000 men and all men up to 35 were called up in addition.

Large numbers of young Belgians, imbued with the highest patriotism, were now receiving military training on French soil, and as a result the total Belgian military strength would ultimately amount to over 1,000,000 men, he said.

Belgian Ministers In London
LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—The Belgian Prime Minister, the Foreign and the Ministers of the Interior and Defence arrived in London yesterday.

Here they were met by the Minister of Finance who has been in London a few days.

The Prime Minister, M. Hubert Pierlot, and the Foreign Minister, M. Paul Spaak, visited Lord Halifax, the British Foreign Secretary.

Stole Policeman's Fountain Pen!

While Police Sergeant Yau On was clearing hawkers from the pavements of Queen's Road Central yesterday, Liu Shek-shing, 23, unemployed, stole his fountain pen from his jacket pocket. Liu was caught when Yau felt a tug on his jacket.

Before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, Liu was given six months' hard labour. For returning to the Colony after he had been banished for ten years, he was sentenced to six months' hard labour. Inspector F.B.D. Tuckett prosecuted.

Crossword Puzzle

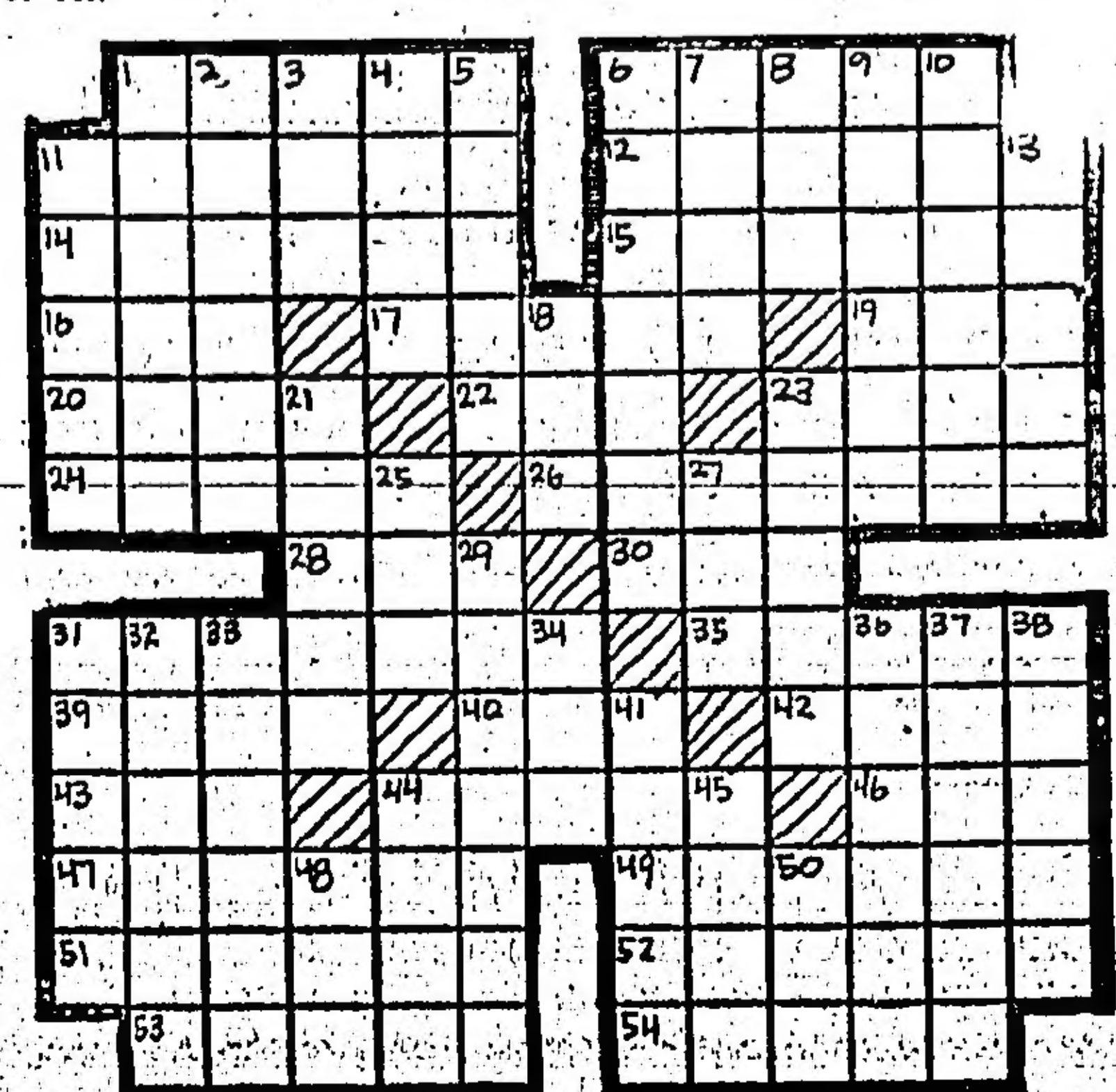
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ACROSS

- 1—Paris newspaper
- 2—Extra
- 3—Part of saddle
- 4—Group of people
- 5—Electrical unit
- 6—Pertaining to
- 7—Outline sole
- 8—Companion
- 9—Lining
- 10—Employment
- 11—Individual particle
- 12—Quint
- 13—Proven
- 14—Faithful
- 15—Chieftains
- 16—New sailor
- 17—Grain
- 18—Store preceptors
- 19—Is paid for work
- 20—Chickens
- 21—Blunt (col.)
- 22—Jump
- 23—Invest
- 24—Public house
- 25—Wasting place
- 26—Waste time
- 27—One mentioned
- 28—second
- 29—Mistake
- 30—Different people
- 31—Perceive
- 32—Poor

DOWN

- 1—Fruit
- 2—Litter
- 3—Feminine title
- 4—Daisy
- 5—Well-groomed
- 6—Brighter
- 7—Attire
- 8—Division of labour
- 9—Lemon
- 10—Kradicator
- 11—Pertaining to bishop
- 12—of home
- 13—Broom
- 14—Vehicles
- 15—The sick
- 16—Compliments
- 17—Correct
- 18—Lick up
- 19—Affirmative
- 20—Extreme regret
- 21—Kind of rock
- 22—Male fingers
- 23—Complete
- 24—Wheel mark
- 25—Established
- 26—Article of household linen
- 27—Hate of meat
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Press Commentary

Ironside's Appointment Welcomed

But Must Be Given Wide Powers

LONDON, May 27 (Reuter).—The London newspapers emphasise with satisfaction that the nomination of General Ironside to the post of Commander-in-Chief of the Home Forces indicates the considerable importance which the British Government attaches to home defences.

With regard to the 15 French generals relieved of their functions, certain newspapers recall similar measures taken by Marshal Joffre shortly before the Battle of the Marne.

Attention is paid in the newspapers to the unanimity of the British workers in responding to the appeal by the Government for an acceleration in the war industries.

The "Daily Telegraph" says: "In appointing General Ironside the Government has recognised the new problems imposed on the country by the appearance of the war on the coast and in the Channel."

The "Daily Telegraph" insists upon the necessity of giving General Ironside large powers extending to the land and air forces.

"Times" Warning
The "Times" declares: "It is evident that home defence is by nature a single problem, certainly in what concerns the air and land forces. The most urgent necessity at the present is probably close collaboration between the two forces."

The "Times" warns its readers against the assertions that Germany is now playing all her trump cards. "These reports are often spread by the enemy to deceive us. However, in the largest sense, the statement contains a large element of truth. Germany has put forth an effort that even her resources will probably not permit her to maintain long, or to repeat on the same scale."

The "News-Chronicle" says: "The French have been absolutely pitiless in removing military commanders unfitted in these critical moments to fulfil their responsibilities. This attitude is a sign of force rather than feebleness, and is a measure of the resolution of France to march towards victory."

Junk Twice Looted

Six Men Charged At Criminal Sessions

The looting of a cargo junk, first by a Japanese gunboat, then by the armed crew of a fishing boat, was alleged in the Criminal Sessions to-day before Mr. Justice Williams.

Six crew members of fishing junk 936HC were charged with robbery. It was alleged that they had boarded the cargo junk, then drifting helplessly off Waplan lighthouse, and stolen oranges, dried fish, sharks fins and gunny sacks besides Chinese copper coins belonging to the folk.

The defendants are: Ng Loi, 50, Man Ngau-chai, 48, Chan Shing 27, of Cheung Chau; Siu Lam, 30, and Siu Ngau-mui, 32, of Po On; and Cheung Shap-size of Lema Islands.

Prosecution's Case
Opening the prosecution, Mr. Reynolds said that it would be alleged that an unlicensed cargo boat left Hop Pak village, near Swatow on January 27, and that next morning, near San Tung Customs Depot, it was stopped by a Japanese gunboat.

A certain part of the cargo was taken on board the gunboat or thrown overboard. The gunboat also destroyed the junk's rudder sails and mast.

On January 29 the drifting junk hailed a small fishing boat and two of the crew were sent to Hongkong on board it to hire a launch to tow in the junk.

At 11 a.m., Mr. Reynolds continued, the junk was at anchor, waiting for the launch when a small three-masted fishing boat came alongside. Four men, two of them with revolvers, boarded the junk, and searched some of the crew. Others hid in the hold. The goods listed in the charge were placed in the fishing boat. Two men who remained in the boat assisted in the transfer.

The boards remained on the junk for about an hour when a launch was seen approaching. The fishing boat then set sail towards the south.

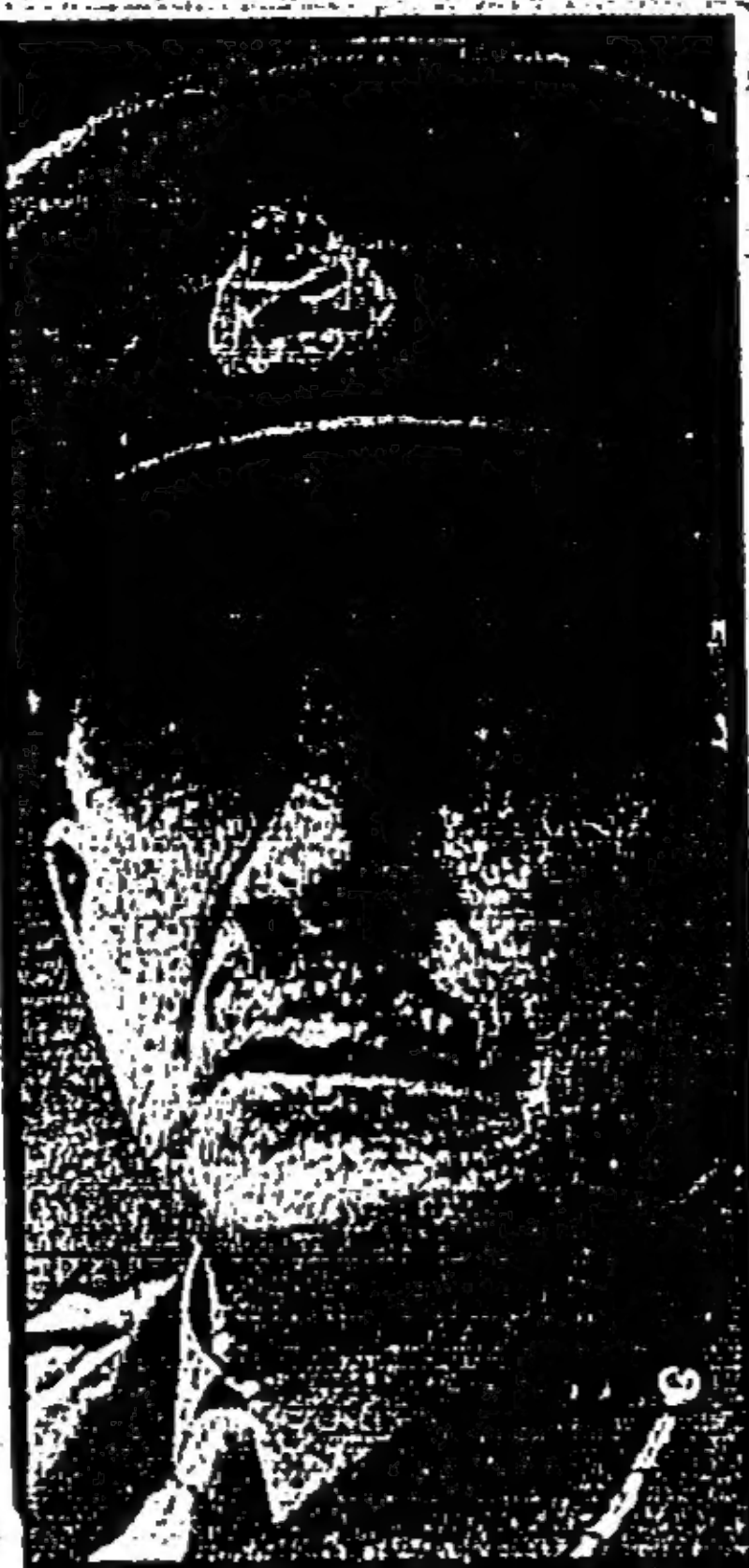
Chased by Police Launch
The cargo junk was being towed to port by the launch when Police launch No. 1 was sighted and the robbery reported. The fishing junk was still in sight and the police launch chased it and took aboard the six men.

Oranges, shark fins, dried fish were found. There was no sign of revolvers or copper coins.

Yeung Lam Fui, master of the cargo junk, gave evidence that he had hidden when the junk was boarded from the fishing boat because robbers always took off the steersman.

Cross-examined by Mr. P. Chen (for defendants) he denied that the Japanese had taken the money or that he had taken it to Hongkong on the fishing boat sent for a towing launch.

The case, which is unfinished, is being heard by the following jury:



IRONSIDE

NEW POST FOR GEN. IRONSIDE

Appointed C-in-C. Of Home Forces

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—General Sir Edmund Ironside has been appointed to be Commander-in-Chief of the Home Forces. He was formerly Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

He has been appointed to this new position in place of General Sir Walter Kirke, who will retire from the service.

General Sir John Dill will replace General Sir Edmund Ironside as Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

General Sir John Dill was formerly Commander of the First Corps of the British Expeditionary Force. Recently he was appointed to be Deputy Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

Important Change

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—It is explained in well-informed circles here that the changes in the Commander-in-Chief of the Home Forces have been brought about by the development of the situation and the necessity of placing the defence of Britain against possible invasion in the strongest possible hands.

It is learned that the appointments of General Sir Edmund Ironside and General Sir John Dill are proof of the great importance which the Government attach to perfecting, by any means in their power, the strength of the British home defences.

The question of home defence is now one of paramount importance, "Reuter" was told by well-informed circles in London.

General Sir Edmund Ironside's new post is one to which only a soldier of his strategy and experience would be appointed.

The idea of an enemy invasion of Britain has been so far from reality for the past hundred years that it is necessary to place those defences on an entirely new footing.

Reasons For Appointment

It is emphasised that General Sir Edmund Ironside's appointment is in no way a criticism of the manner in which General Sir Walter Kirke has carried out his task.

The change in the High Command, "Reuter" has been informed, is in no way analogous to the French Army changes.

No one has been "relieved of their command" but the extreme seriousness of the situation as a whole and the rapid growth of the German threat to the Channel ports has made it necessary for an immediate intensification of action on the home front.

PROCESSION OF CAR CRASHES

A procession of four cars proceeding along Castle Peak Road yesterday morning provided a chapter of accidents which formed the subject of a police report this morning.

When the first car stopped suddenly near the nine-mile stone, the drivers of the following vehicles were unable, according to the report to the police, to pull up in time.

The second car in the line was driven by Mrs. Poole, of Kennedy Town. She pulled up without hitting the front vehicle, but the third car, driven by Mr. L. Skinner, of the Telephone Company, crashed into the rear of Mrs. Poole's car.

A fourth car, driven by Mr. Medhurst, crashed into Mr. Skinner's car.

No one was injured in the series of mishaps.

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He Seals His Letters In Chinese

"Joy Guest" Is Englishman's Name

THERE is one Englishman in London who seals his letters with his name in Chinese.

He is Mr. Robert Hart Maze, formerly an officer in the Chinese Customs Inspectorate, and a nephew of Sir Robert Hart, the celebrated head of the Chinese Customs Service. He is now retired, and lives in Norwood.

Mr. Hart Maze's Chinese name, bestowed on him by his uncle, is transliterated Mei Lo Pin. Mei is the surname, chosen because it approximates to Maze. Lo means "Joy" and Pin "a guest." The name is regarded as particularly lucky by the Chinese people, for everyone is delighted to have Joy as a guest.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued 12.30 p.m. Saturday says:

Conditions remain unchanged. Buyers Sellers Sales
H.K. Banks \$1,350 \$453
Union Tr. \$100 \$11
Cements \$102 \$11
Govt. 4% Loan \$102 \$11

LATE NEWS

Pres. Roosevelt's Broadcast

WASHINGTON, May 27 (Reuter).—"The United States is shocked by the almost incredible stories of what is happening at this moment to the civilian populations of Norway, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg and France," said President Roosevelt in his broadcast last night.

The President strongly appealed for contributions towards the work of the American Red Cross.

Turning to the question of American defence, the President stressed the "futility and impossibility of the idea of isolationism in the American continent."

"Obviously a defence policy based on isolationism is merely to invite future attack," he said.

"The events of the past two weeks have shattered many of the illusions of the isolationists."

"They have lost the illusion that the United States is remote and isolated, and is therefore secure against the dangers from which no other land is free."

Mr. Roosevelt disclosed that between 1933 and 1940 the U.S. Government would have spent \$5,147,000,000 more on the Navy than it spent in the eight years prior to 1933.

The fighting personnel of the Navy had risen from 70,000 to 145,000. In 1933 the U.S. had 1,127 useful planes working with the Navy while to-day 2,892 planes were on hand or ordered.

"Our navy is far, far stronger than at any peace-time period in the whole long history of the nation," he said.

"In hitting power and efficiency I would even make the assertion that it is stronger to-day than during the World War."

The Army in 1933 comprised 122,000 enlisted men, while now that number had been practically doubled.

Between 1933 and 1940 the Government would have spent \$1,292,000,000 more on the Army than it spent in the previous eight years.

By the end of 1940 every existing unit of the present Regular Army would be equipped with its complete requirements of modern weapons.

"The world situation might so change that it will be necessary to re-appraise our programme at any time," said the President.

"In such a case I am confident that Congress and the Chief Executive will work in harmony as a team, as they are doing to-day."

"I would not hesitate at any moment to ask for additional funds when required."

Norman Fort Held Out To Last

LONDON, May 27 (Reuter).—The last quarter of Boulogne to hold out was the twelfth century Citadel whose ramparts drop sheer in true Norman style. The four gates, flanked with medieval bastions, lead into the old town built within the small compass of the ramparts.

It was in this astonishing setting for a modern battle that the French defenders held out until last night.

PSYCHOLOGICAL PREPARATION

NEW YORK, May 27 (Reuter).—It is generally believed that President Roosevelt went more than one purpose in mind in making his broadcast last night. In the first place he used the occasion to rebuke the isolationists.

The emphasis he laid on the fact that America is an integral part of the world and his reference to the "shattering of many illusions" in the past two weeks are regarded by some observers as the initial steps of "psychological preparation" for the American people.

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